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Remembrance Day events routes set to be 'tweaked' MP's A

# FURY AT PARA POLICE CUTBACKS

By Lisa O'Brien

COMMUNITY leaders have hit out at the decision by police to drastically cut the amount of officers available for Remembrance Day parades.

A total of 11 parades will be taking part throughout Walsall, and they will be rerouted after it emerged the number of officers covering this year's

number of oncers covering this year's event will be cut by almost half.

But the routes, officers say, will be 'tweaked'

- although they will not reveal all routes affected. It is believed there will be around 39 officers available to close roads and divert traffic

ficers available to close roads and divert traffic compared to 72 last year for the events in Dar-laston, Aldridge, Bloxwich and Pelsall.

Darlaston South Councillor Doug James said: "It is disgraceful that on the day when my town, and all the towns in Walsall, join the country in remembering our war dead that we can't deploy enough officers to ensure our tra-ditions.

can't deploy enough officers to ensure our traditions.

"Each town centre has their own and particular route to honour local men and women, which they have being doing for decades. I know the police are doing their best in very difficult circumstances but surely this is one cut too far."

### Wreaths

Jeff Johnson, who organises the parade in Darlaston each year, has spoken to police chiefs regarding changes with the route, but it was yet to be finalised for the town. The parade usually starts from Victoria Road and travels to St Lawrence Church for a service

and travels to St Lawrence Church for a service and the laying of wreaths.

The 65-year-old, of Darlaston, who also organises the poppy appeal in the town, said:

"What it's going to be this year, I'm not sure. I've given them a route starting from the town hall in Victoria Road, the traditional starting point, but they want it to start from King Street.

Street.

"It is disappointing. We've done it in a particular way for so many years but we are confronted with the reality of there not being enough police officers to police it."

Walsall Police Superintendent Lee Kendrick said the force had secured officer resources from Walsall.

He said some student officers who are new to the organisation had also welcomed the opportunity to help out on the day and staff the road closures. road closures

Supt Kendrick added: "It means all 11 parades in the town can go ahead but some routes have been tweaked and we appreciate organisers being flexible."

### **JUST THE TICKET, AS LIBRARY OPENS ITS DOORS**



Bethan Small, left, aged 11, with Laureen Law, Diana Southall, Sue Grainger and Mayor Angela Underhill at the opening

A NEW community-run library has official-A NEW community-run library has officially opened its doors in Walsall as part of a £150,000 project. The library is being run with the support of the Old Hall People's Partnership in Wing Close and was opened by the Mayor, Councillor Angela Underhill.

The former library in Queen Elizabeth

Avenue closed in 2006 and a service since provided from a van. Walsall Council agreed a one-off sum of £115,000 with the partner-

ship receiving a further £30,000 to carry out

building works for the new facility.

It forms part of the Bentley Employability and Learning Hub and the event on Saturday provided residents with the chance to see the range of books and services on offer.

It is being run by staff from Old Hall Peo-

ples Partnership and volunteers, with an on-line link to the council's library service. Speaking on behalf of the charity, princi-

pal officer Denise Birkett, said: "We are so pleased to be housing the library within our centre. This service will be run by the community for the community and welcomes vol-

unteers who may wish to get involved."

The new community library is opening
Saturday mornings and weekdays Monday to Friday. It comes after previous £3 mil lion plans for a library and children's centre stalled due to funding.

### MP's dismay over costs for security at marches

THE cost of policing far-right protests in Black Country towns has been labelled 'unfortunate' by an MP. David Winnick said he was dismayed by the £42,000 spent for the march by the Eng-lish Defence League in Walsall in August, and a £60,000 bill for an All Football Fans/Firms

Against Islamisation march in Dudley in June. The Walsall North MP said: "It is unfortunate. Even these sums did not include duty staff from elsewhere being posted. I don't criticise the steps taken by the police; blame lies with those aiming to stir up as much trouble and hate be-tween communities as possible."

### **DEVELOPMENT**

### Extra homes at site of Beechdale School

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to build an extra 80 homes at a former school site in Beechdale are set to get the nod from planning chiefs today, Thursday. Forty properties have already been built on the former Beechdale School site as part of a £5 million flagship development by Accord Group.

The old school in Remington Road closed in 2007 and was demolished. The Innovation Way development was officially launched by Accord recently and a phase two for 80 more properties was put forward. There would be a mix of two to four-bedroom houses and one and two-bedroom flats.

### **ARBORETUM**

### Illuminated park will be ready for the winter

WORK to permanently light up the landmark Walsall Arboretum is due to be completed by winter as part of a £270,000 scheme. The illuminated park project aims to sparkle key features and routes at the town's premier site.

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It comes after the park has undergone a £7.6m revamp which saw the Visitor Centre finished this year. Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "We're just weeks away from completing work on the illuminated park which will seal the final stage of the Arboretum's glorious restoration."

The scheme to transform the arboretum began in 2010 with the bandstand being refurbished. A new-look lido has also been opened.

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## Ofsted tells school it must do better

ordered to improve amid concerns over 'weak' pupil standards and a failure to monitor their progress. Inspectors from Ofsted highlighted

Inspectors from Ofsted highlighted poor grammar, spelling and a need to improve mathematics at Brownhills West Primary.

A report following the inspection just before the summer break has highlighted a need to make improvements in four of five areas.

These include management, qual-

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These include management, quality of teaching, pupil achievement and early year provision. The only

good rating was pupil behaviour and a specific group and are therefore safety. However, despite being told to unsure how well pupils' are doing, or good rating was pupil benaviour and safety. However, despite being told to improve there were some strengths identified such as having a clear di-rection to improve, better attendance and some education progress. The school in Shannon Drive,

The school in Shannon Drive, which was rated as good in its previous inspection, has around 180 pupils aged from three to 11. It is now grade three rather than two.

Lead Ofsted inspector Heather Simpson said: "Teachers do not allowed the state of the

ways check on the progress of all groups when they are working with whether the work provided is too easy

or too hard.
"For example, in a Year One read-"For example, in a Year One read-ing lesson, the most-able pupils were reading a short non-fiction book which was too easy for them. They finished it quickly and had no further work to go on to so time was wasted and their progress was limited. "Pupils are now writing at greater length and the presentation of their work is improving. However, their

work is improving. However, their use of grammar, punctuation and spelling is weak in most classes as

teachers do not always focus closely enough on this aspect."

She added: "Pupils' achievement requires improvement because their progress has not been consistently good since the previous inspection and remains uneven across the school."

In 2014, standards fell to below average at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, especially in mathematics. The proportions reaching the levels required in grammar, punctuation and spelling were also below average.

### **Funding call** in order to help groups' development

GROUPS across the Black Country with ideas to make their communities a bet-ter place to live can apply for funding.

Charity the People's Health Trust has just launched Active Communities in Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wol-verhampton. Using money raised by HealthDesire through The Health Lot-tery, the independent charity is looking tery, the interpendent charty is nowing to invest in projects that support people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of the West Midlands.

Active Communities is a funding programme for not-for-profit groups with an income of less than £350,000 a

year, or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years.

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John Hume, chief executive of People's Health Trust, said: "We're looking to support ideas designed and run by local people. Whether it's a women's volunteering group run by and for Bengali women; a computer skills support group run for and by older people; support for local people to become community organisers; or young people living with organisers; or young people living with mental ill-health wishing to address ac-cess to work issues or discrimination, we're interested to hear about it."

The trust is looking for small and local projects, designed and run by local people. They are also looking for great ideas from communities of interest, for example a group of people who have something in common and wish to combe together to address something that in together to address something that is important to them.

### **Axed bus service** back on the road

AN axed bus service from Cannock to Walsall has been reinstated following

AN axed bus service from Cannock to Walsall has been reinstated following complaints from more than 200 people. The number two Arriva Midlands bus passes through Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay. The service, which ran every 30 minutes, six days a week, was axed on September 4. Bus users decided to fight for the service leading transport bosses to perform a uU-turn on the decision. Dan Flanagan, Arriva's local manager, said: "Arriva Midlands will continue to provide a reliable and punctual service." Service two will run up to every 30 minutes on Monday to Saturday between Cannock, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Bloxwich and Walsall. New timetable leaflets will be available soon from libraries and the Travel Shop at Walsall Bus Station.

### **Poundland lands** top retail award

POUNDLAND, with its headquarters in Willenhall, has received a discount in Willennall, has received a discount retailer of the year award. It was among the winners at the Retail Industry Awards. The independent drink retailer award went to Drinks Express's Anchor Wines shop in Anchor Road, Aldridge.

# Playing fields wrecked by treasure hunters

ing playing fields by digging up turf in their hunt for treasure, unhappy community leaders claim.

Ground has been pulled up causing holes in the football and rugby pitches at King George V sports fields in Blox-

The actions have been condemned as The actions have been condemned as a 'disgrace' by furious Bloxwich East councillor Kathy Philips, who claims it is happening at Walsall Arboretum and in Brownhills also. She said: "There is a real problem with people using metal detectors and digging up the playing pitches. It is a disorace."

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Detectorists can apply for a permit to dig on council owned land, but the concerned councillor is now calling on the council to ban it. She said: "The problem has really increased this year and it's an accident waiting to happen.

"They co around digging up just about

"They go around digging up just about everywhere, there have been complaints from the Walsall Arboretum and Holland Park in Brownhills too. I think the problem has increased because people who may not have a licence are seeing others do it and digging up the playing fields too.

### **Problems**

"Once they have finished digging they just pat it down and then dogs or foxes come along and dig it back up.
"There are a lot of sports clubs that play here and I'm worried someone is going to break their ankle or worse."

The holes are causing problems on both football and rugby pitches at the park, which is home to both Bloxwich Rangers Football Club and Bloxwich Rugby Club.

Helen Bishop coaches children at the park as part of Bloxwich Rangers Football Club. She said: "The ground on the site is uneven and there are tufts of ground dug up but we never realised why." Councillor Louise Harrison, portfolio holder for Clean and Green at Walsall Council soid offeren ware monitoring the

Council, said officers were monitoring the situation. She said: "We're concerned to hear about these reports of holes being dug and not filled which can cause damage to turf and our maintenance equipment. To operate a metal detector on council land requires a permit from the local authority as well as insurance." as well as insurance.

### Retirement village may be shut



The Hawthorns retirement flats, which may be closed down due to planning irregularities

A NEWLY-BUILT luxury retirement village could be demolished and residents forced to move out after claims it is being operated outside planning law.

The Hawthorns in Erdington The Hawthorns in Enrington Road, Aldridge, was granted plan-ning permission on the basis of being a 70-bedroom care home – but officers from Walsall Council say it is not being used for that and has instead been transformed into rented flats

A planning application was

lodged in 2012 to demolish the former Baytree House Care Home and build a new three-storey care home

But enforcement action is now being sought after officers discovered the building instead contains 70 self-contained flats.

The building is occupied by seven residents, with one of them needing a district nurse service and three needing personal care from an external provider.

Planning chiefs will be encour-

aged to take enforcement action when they meet today, Thursday.

If agreed, bosses will have three months to demolish the building and restore the land to its previous condition or face prosecution.

Walsall Council's head of planning and building control David Elsworthy said: "The owners have admitted that they are not intending to operate as Care Quality Commission qualified premises and there is to be no 24 hour nurse on site."



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# for demos by groups tops £100k

RIGHT wing protests have cost West Midlands Police more than £100,000 in the space of two months, it has

in the space of two months, it has emerged.

Almost 700 police officers and staff were pulled in from all areas of the force to manage the latest EDL march in Walsall in August and it cost just over £42,000.

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It comes after the bill came in at £60,000 for police to manage a similar march by members of All Football Fans/Firms Against Islamisation (AF-FFAI) in Dudley in June.

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Around 200 supporters gathered in Walsall last month for the demonstration, which led to nine arrests.

The far-right group said they had come to Walsall 'to expose problems brought about by Islamification'.

A Freedom of Information request has now revealed that a total of 677 police officers and staff were called in to help police the event, including more than 450 officers on the ground.

West Midlands Police estimated that policing the protest cost the force

west Midands Folice estimated that policing the protest cost the force £42,371, although said the figures were still being finalised.

It amounts to around £10,000 for each hour protesters were gathered in the town.

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West Midlands Police spokeswoman
Susan Brown said: "The costs do not
include the cost of duty time staff
posted to this event from other duties
within the West Midlands.
"This reduced act is due to relies."

'This reduced cost is due to police officers having rest days cancelled for this event so effectively transferred to a duty time deployment."

### **Fraudster stole** more than £82k

A WOMAN stole more than £82,000 by depositing cash from two companies into another account for a fraudulent business, a court was told.

Angela Savage, of Walsall, pleaded guilty to one count of fraud and another of theft during a short hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court. The court heard Savage, 48, of Daffodil Place, had placed money belonging to thole in the Wall and Fabric Direct, both based in Walsall, into an account for UK Food – a fraudulent company

Savage spoke only to confirm her name and enter her guilty pleas during the hearing. The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence repor-ton October 13 when she will be sentenced. The court was told she was of previous good character.

### **Farming cause** gets cash boost

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Walsall on September 19 to col-lect money for Compassion in World Farming, raising a total of £149.52 for Britain's leading farm animal welfare organisation.

# Police's bill Argos looking to take on nearly 400

ARGOS is looking to recruit 377 seasonal workers to work across its West Midlands stores, including Wolverhampton, this Christmas.

The company wants 335 "customer helpers" to support Argos' 30 stores in the area to meet customer demand for toys, video games, technology and extension of the company of the company to the company of the company to the

tother demand or toys, vice games, elemnology and other popular gifts over the festive season.

In addition 42 drivers "with great customer service skills" are wanted to work as part of Argos' store to customer door distribution service during the peak shopping season, which it expects to be highly popular with customers looking for same-day delivery.

The retail chain said initial contracts for all va-cancies were around three months, but held out the

season where there were vacancies.

Recruits will be offered a minimum of 10 hours per week, with a minimum of six hours per week for weekend staff.

The recruitment is part of a nationwide hunt by

Argos for 9,000 Christmas staff, with jobs available at stores across the UK, including more than 100 digital Argos stores.

Across the West Midlands Argos has stores in Wolverhampton, Bentley Bridge in Wednesfield, Bilston, Dudley, Walsall, Oldbury, Merry Hill, West

Bromwich, Rugeley, Kidderminster, two in Cannock and another two in Stafford. and another two in Stafford.

The company says it serves 121 million customers

every year, with 19 out of 20 people living less than 10 miles from one of its stores

Leigh Baxter, regional manager for the West Mid-lands at Argos said: "Christmas is the busiest and most exciting time to be in retail and our ability to offer more than 20,000 products for the whole family within easy reach is why millions of people shop with us over the festive season.

"To make sure we offer customers the best possible service, we need extra support in our stores and we're looking for people who are customer focused, energetic and enthusiastic. As we gear up to make getting hold of Christmas gifts as easy as po for the first time we are also seeking drivers. Visit www.argosxmasjobs.co.uk.

# Group in pledge to build new homes despite cuts

has pledged to continue to build hundreds of new homes in the borough over the next three years, despite the pressures of planned social housing rent cuts. Chancellor George Osborne's intention

to cut social housing rents could pose a serious challenge to housing association and local authority revenue streams, with a knock-on effect on building schemes.

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The Government is planning to reduce rents in the social housing sector by one per cent a year for four years from 2016. Bosses at Walsall Housing Group said the proposals will have a significant impact on its business plans and a review of services is currently being carried out. But they also said the housing group is firmly committed to building hundreds of homes by 2018.

Gary Fulford, group chief executive at the housing group, said: "Government plans to cut social rents will have a significant impact on our business plan. We are in the process of reviewing services to deal with the challenges the rent cut presents and we are looking at where we can make savings and further efficiencies."

### Determined

He said the housing group is currently on site with almost 500 new homes and is committed to building 2,000 by March 2018, adding: "We are determined to deliver this large-scale development programme. We will continue to work closely with the National Housing Federation, the body that campaigns for affordable housing in England and represents the work of housing associations to respond to these proposals for

in England and represents the work of housing associations, to respond to these proposals for the benefit of our customers."

It emerged last month that an extra 2,000 homes need to be built in Walsall to cope with demand for new properties, in addition to those already granted planning permission. Sites across the borough are now being looked at for potential residential use over the coming years. Thousands of new homes are already in the pipeline but more are needed to meet the requirements for almost 12,000 properties.

It forms part of the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) and a site action plan being drawn up by Walsall Council. Major housing schemes in the borough include land at the former Goscote estate being lined up for more than 300 new properties.



Macmillan coffee morning at Beyond the Fringe , Aldridge, with, from left, Joanne Smith, owner Jean Pearce and Megan Gascoigne

### Cooking it fine at salon for charity

WALNUT, ginger and choco-

WALNUT, ginger and chocolate fudge – just some of the cakes enjoyed during a cake sale. A total of £160 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support at the event at Beyond The Fringe hairdressers in Aldridge.

Jean Pearce, 64, owner of the salon in Leighswood Avenue, said: "It was a lot of fun – we've really enjoyed ourselves. We can't believe the response we've had. I've never seen so many cakes in one place, people just keep bringing us things in.

"One man gave us £10

"One man gave us £10 and all he had was a couple

of mince pies.
"I think it's because a "I think it's because a lot of customers have been dealt that blow with breast cancer, when they knew we were doing it, they wanted to support us."

She added: "Breast cancer his late for sale and with

hits a lot of people, and with-out the support of people like us Macmillan wouldn't have the funding. It's really important.

With everything from coffee and walnut cake and ginger cakes to Red Velvet and chocolate fudge cake, visitors had a choice of sweet treats to enjoy after their

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### **Housing help** for low earners

MORE than 700 affordable homes will be built in Walsall over the next three years, council chiefs have said.

Regeneration bosses are looking to create more affordable housing across the borough, alongside providers such as Walsall Housing Group.

In a report Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We worked closely with the Homes and Communities Agency the Homes and Communities Agency and our main affordable housing pro-viders to ensure £15m grant funding was attracted to Walsall for our hous-ing providers to deliver 715 affordable homes between 2015 and 2018."

### Leisure centre taking shape

WORK is progressing well on the new multi-million pound leisure centre in Walsall Wood, council chiefs say.

The external structure of the new building at Oak Park is now close to completion with the floors in place, the concrete for the swimming pools cast and the roofs finished.

The new centre will include a 25 metre eight-lane swimming pool, teaching and learner pool, 100 station fitness suite, six-court sports hall, two squash courts, dance studio, sauna and steam, cafe and artificial turipitch.

### **Manor missing** waiting targets

WALSALL Manor Hospital has fallen further behind Government targets for patient waiting times, new figures have revealed.

Bosses have put the drop in per-formance down to a lack of available

beds.
The amount of patients being treated within the four-hour target reduced to 93.7 per cent in August.
This was a fall from 94.3 per cent at the Manor in July and still below the national 95 per cent standard.

### Ramblers in forest trek near Severn

THE Walsall group of the ramblers will be heading to the Wyre Forest near Arley, for the first walk of their winter programme on Sunday.

It is a moderate walk, covering seven miles, on forest paths to Arley Station, then along the River Severn and returning through the Wyre For-

est. Non-members are welcome to joir

For more information, call the walk leaders on 01922 642597.

### Flats for pub site

A FORMER pub in Walsall which has previously suffered vandalism and was hit by an arson attack will be transformed into five flats. Walsall Council has approved demolition of the remains of the former Grannies Kitchen pub in Stafford Street and for the flats to take its place

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### THE BEST OF RHODES



A READER tells me he heard a radio in-A HIZADER tells file the fleated a radio interviewer ask the managing director of a chain of take-away sandwich shops whether his company's expansion plans would mean new jobs. The boss replied that there would "certainly be a number of relacts file."

OUR phone line is kaput again. The recorded message from BT says I can keep up with the engineers' progress on the internet. Listen, if I could keep up with the engineers' progress on the internet, I wouldn't need the bleedin' engineers, would I?

I THOROUGHLY enjoyed the latest dark and gritty Scandinavian murder series, Beck (BBC4), especially the little greeting the Swedes use at the end of an affectionate chat or phone conversation: "Kyss," meaning kiss. That could catch on.

WINTER draws on. I have bought a new pair of old-fashioned cotton flannel pviapair of old-rashioned cotton frannel ptyja-mas, having become utterly fed up with the modern T-shirt and baggy trousers equivalent. Proper pyjamas have long sleeves and fleecy linings. They also have a breast pocket, although I cannot imagine

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is offering a cottage at Lambeth Palace to a family from Syria. Only a curmudgeon would point out that London already has about 1,000 folk sleeping rough who might have appreciated a warm room in Lambeth.



assume the Daily Mail wants David Cameron out and George Osborne in.
Why else would
it serialise Lord
Ashcroft's bitter of biography the PM.

IT'S safe to

warts (pigs) and all?

AS a general rule, when a politician's (alleged) youthful follies are exposed, we heave a sigh and say, "Well, we've all done that, haven't we?" Not this time, Mr Cam-

A SURVEY reveals that two-thirds of children rarely write letters. As one who has barely handwritten anything since being plonked behind a typewriter in 1969, I am not surprised. Surrounded by iPhones and suchlike gizmos, who would willingly reach for a pen and paper? Meanwhile, another survey reveals that few children play. other survey reveals that few children play with hoops and sticks any more and hardly any have had a ride in a Zeppelin. And that bear clutching a roll of Andrex is still heading for the forest.

I CANNOT vouch for this one but a reader swears he heard an arachnophobia ex-pert on the radio telling listeners: "If you want to know more about spiders, visit our website."

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Mon**day to Friday'in your Express & Star

# Claudia's scratching out a living

A WALSALL College student has given a unique twist on a traditional snack. Claudia Yap's Jamaican jerk pork scratchings passed the taste test at Bir-mingham Independent Food Fair and are now available in The Hub, the new £11m business and and sports venue in

Walsall.

The 52-year-old said she spotted a gap in the £28m scratching market after returning from a trip to Jamaica. "Every time I visited Jamaica and came back to

the UK, it always struck me that there are so many popular products seasoned with jerk spice over there that aren't available in the UK," she added.

"I thought I would put my experience as a chef to use and see what I could come up with. I'm delighted that The Hub was the first to purchase the product as they've given me a lot of support with my business."

Claudia is in talks with wholesal-

within Walsall that want to trial the snack. Explaining the appeal of her new flavour, she said: "It's double cooked and is high in protein."

Walsall College supported Claudia through a 10-week Connect programme to give budding entrepreneurs the skills they need to set up and run their own business.

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business.
For details, or to join the programme, contact Jane De Weijer, community development officer on 01922 688903.



# **Nurses given gadgets** to help free up beds

NURSES are being armed with iPads and iPods under a new £675,000 system to cut patient stays at Walsall Manor Hospital.

The technology to help record patients' blood pressure, heart rate and temperature is to be rolled out across the wards.

A total of 220 iPods and 66 iPads

are being introduced for nurses and clinical staff to use as part of an elec-

clinical staff to use as part of an electronic system.

The VitalPAC approach has been funded through the Government's National Nursing Technology Fund and is initially being piloted on Ward 1, which looks after elderly patients, and 15, which is for people with long term conditions. term conditions.

It is due to be rolled out across the

rest of the hospital over the coming weeks. The electronic recording of patient observations means concerns can be relayed to doctors faster and reduce hospital stay for patients.

### Concerns

It combines a patient observation details with test results and other data to automatically establish their condition known as an early warning score. If there are concerns then do tors or specialist staff are immediately alerted and can take action where

necessary.

Medics will also be able to access Medics will also be able to access important data about their patients' conditions from anywhere on the hos-pital's computer network. Elsewhere in the country, VItalPAC has been shown to reduce the time it

takes nurses to complete a set of ob-

servations by up to 40 per cent.

This is as well as reducing the length of time patients stay in hospital, increase staff productivity and drastically reduce healthcare-associated infections

Zena Young, deputy director of nursing at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "Our patients and their families will notice our nurses using iPads and iPods and we want them to be assured that we're not chatting,

### Plaque unveiled in memory of Gareth



From left, Emily Durand, Faith Whitehouse, Gareth's mum Maureen, the mayor, widow Nina and Rosie Haycock

HIS untimely death was met with an outpouring of sadness following years' of working in the parks of Wal-sall. This week, dozens of people have ensured the legacy of Gareth Per-rins-Seedhouse lives on, a year after he died from cancer.

A plaque designed in memory of the father-of-two, who died aged 37, was designed by pupils from three Pelsall primary schools. It was unveiled this week in the presence of Mr Perrins-Seedhouse's friends and family, including his wife, Nina.

Councillor Marco Longhi, who helped organise the work, said: "Ga-reth was one of these individuals who you can immediately see they take an enormous amount of pride in their work. They are quite inspiring."

nouse, Gareth's mum Maureen, the may Faith Whitehouse, aged 10, from Pelsall Village School, Emilie Durand, eight, from Ryders Hayes and 10-year-old St Michael's pupil Rosie Haycock designed the work.

Mr Perrins-Seedhouse was first diagnosed with cancer of the saliva gland in 2008 but managed to fight it off. In January 2011 he was told that a different and incurable form of the illness had returned and was in his lungs. Doctors gave him 12 months to live but he continued to live as full a life as his health would allow. life as his health would allow.

Sadly, his condition deteriorated and he passed away at Walsall St Giles Hospice last July.

Blinford Graphics produced the plaque, which features a flower, a canal scene and countryside image.



Nina and Gareth Perrins-Seedhouse

### Language training is knocked as funds lost

HUNDREDS of jobseekers unable to speak English are set to lose out after a college providing language training lost more than £350,000 of funding leading to fears unemployment in the area could rocket.

Walsall Adult and Community College (WACC) has had its ESOL Plus Mandation Fund completely withdrawn by the Government.

Bosses say it will mean them losing out on £380,000, and as a result hundreds of people will no longer be able to access the language course.

Jobseekers whose first language is HUNDREDS of jobseekers unable to

Jobseekers whose first language is not English are currently offered help through the scheme, with many di-rected to the college through the job centre.

The college said the number of peo-

ple that the course could be provided would have to be halved following the

cut.
Around 500 people took the course last year.
Principal Jev Bhalla said losing the funding was a huge blow. "Our roots lie in the community and that's what makes us different. We are very close makes us different. We are very close to community needs and clearly there is a big need in Walsall for speakers of another language," he said. Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz has called on the Government to reverse

the decision and has raised the issue with the leader of the House of Com-

mons.

She said: "WACC has a proud history of serving its community but this decision has the potential to limit its offer and impact."

### Comic-con set for star shows

AN ACTOR and director is the latest well-known name to confirm an ap-pearance at Walsall's first Comic-Con next month. Andrew Lee Potts who was quirky Connor Temple in Prime-val has also starred as the Hatter on the SyFy mini-series Alice is to appear at the event on October 31. Mr Potts has written and directed short films through his production house,

Keychain Productions.

He is the next famous face to agree to attend the Comic-Con after Ian to attend the Comic-Con after Ian Whyte, who starred in Alien Vs Predator, was announced as one of the guests at Walsall Town Hall. Simon Fisher-Becker who has appeared as Tony Fazackerley in Puppy Love for the BBC and Sarah Louise Madison who has appeared in CBBC's Young Dracula are also due to attend.

### **Eight boxing bouts** due at the Banks's

TICKETS are available for an amateur boxing night in Walsall. There will be a minimum of eight bouts at the event at the Banks's Stadium.

It takes place on October 8 and costs £32 per person. For details call 01922 651416.

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### Reports of crimes in schools are on increase

REPORTS of crime in schools across the country rose to more than 30,000 last year, according to new figures.

Of these, West Midlands Police dealt with a total of 1,929 crimes at the region's schools in 2014.

Although the overall number of offences has fallen in 12 months, the statistics show a rise in the number of pupils caught with weapons. While there have also been more violent attacks and sexual offences.

Last year, police were called out after 45 times because of students

after 45 times because of students possessing weapons – up from 19 in 2013. The number of violent assaults rose from 426 to 495. There were also 122 sexual offences reported, up from 103 during the previous 12 months.

Crimes that have seen a decrease include burglaries, thefts and arson attacks. In 2013, there were a total of 2,012 crimes. Nationally, there were 13,003 thefts, burglaries or robberies recorded, 9,319 reports of violence and 4,106 investigations into criminal damage or arson at primary, seconddamage or arson at primary, second-ary and further education institu-tions.

tions.

In all, 32 police forces in England, Wales and Northern Ireland responded to the FoI request, with West Midlands Police along with the Metropolitan, Greater Manchester force recording the highest number of crimes. At least 1,502 sex crimes were reported, according to the 25 police forces which provided data on sexual offences. The overall figure of 30,294 in 2014 was up from 28,444 the previous year.

### £1,300 payout over cigs sale

A FORMER shop owner has been handed a court bill of more than £1,300 after he admitted selling tobacco to a youth.

Mohammed Arfan sold 10 Sterling Superkings cigarettes to a person under the age of 18 at M&D convenience store, Paddock Lane, Walsall, when he appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court. The 45-year-old, of Powick Road, Erdington, also admitted a charge of failing to display in a prominent withing the state of the contract of the contrac inent position a tobacco-related sign.

The offences took place on January 20. Arfan said that he was not on ary 20. Arfan said that he was not on the premises, which he later sold, at the time of the sale. Arfan was fined £80 on each of the charges. He was ordered to pay prosecution costs of £1,303.61 and a £20 victim surcharge.

### **Church all set** for art display

A FREE art exhibition will be held at Rushall Parish Church. Amateur art-ists from the area had work displayed at Walsall Art Gallery, will show and sell their work from 11am on October 10. It will run until 2.30pm.

# Header hero O'Connor in grandad tribute



James O'Connor celebrates his goal

WALSALL defender James O'Connor has opened up about his goal celebration after netting against Chelsea – saying it was dedicated to his grandad who died the day before the match. O'Connor headed home just before half-time last Tuesday, clasping his hands together and looking into the skies as his team mates congratulated him afterwards. The Saddlers took un Jose Mourinho's all-stars in the third round of the Capital One Cup.

Despite a spirited display, Walsall eventually exited the tournament with the reigning cup holders running "It has been a tough time for the nanas together and looking into the skies as his team mates congratulated him afterwards. The Saddlers took on Jose Mourinho's all-stars in the third round of the Capital One Cup. Despite a spirited display, Walsall eventually exited the tournament with the reigning cup holders running

line it overtook me a little bit. I was glad it came just before half-time so I

glad it came just before half-time so I could compose myself.

"I had to fight off a few tears but it was a nice moment."

O'Connor was cheered on at the Banks's Stadium by a crowd of more than 10,500 fans which included his father, uncle and cousin. My old man, uncle and little cousin were all in the stands watching," he added.

"For a spell we gave it a really good go. Their performance was really positive against a top, top class team."

Crowds

bask in

the sun

### **Homes due at** site of college

MORE than 100 homes are to be built on the site of a former college in Row-ley Regis. The former St Michael's Business and Enterprise College site in Thorne Road will be demolished after councillors approved plans sub-mitted by Redrow Homes to build 123 roperties on the site.

The building has been empty since the college moved to a new site in Curral Road in 2010. Developers say they have received positive feedback from people living nearby regarding the plans, while councillors have also welcomed the application.

Councillor Barbara Price said: "This has been vacant for long enough. If we are going to get homes on there, the quicker the better."

### **Council use of** spy powers fall

THE times spy powers have been used by council chiefs in Walsall has been slashed, new figures show. Surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) was used just five times in the last fi-

was used just nive times in the last n-nancial year.

This compared to 55 times during a 12-month period from April 2010 to March 2011. There has been a gradual decrease since 2012.

The times they were used from April 2014 to March 2015 were for trading standards issues such as age restricted test purchasing, taxis plying for hire and counterfeit goods.

### **Resurfacing due** on busy route

A MAIN road into Walsall will be closed until October 16 during car riageway resurfacing works.

Wolverhampton Road leading from the town centre to M6 junction 10 will be shut every night during the

scheme.

Motorists will face the restrictions

with 6am in a bid to reduce

disruption.

Work is being completed by Tarmac on the stretch between the junctions of Pleck Road and Bloxwich Lane.

The route is the main link from the motorway to Walsall town centre and used by scores of motorists each day.

### Discoloured water is found

DISCOLOURED water has hit parts of Willenhall. Severn Trent Water has received complaints from the WV13 postcode, which includes Deansfield Portobello and Willenhall.

Homes in the WV1 postcode, which overs Wolverhampton city centre were also affected.

Teams were sent out to flush the mains clear and take samples. The firm said discolouration is usually irin said discoloration is usually caused by the disturbance of mains sediments and deposits that accumu-late at the bottom of water pipes.

# Thousands paid out over staff incidents

STAFF hit by objects, scalded and bitten by an animal - just some of the reasons Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has shelled out thousands of pounds in compensation in the past five years.

Forty-three compensation payments have been made, totalling almost £300,000, following accidents or inju-

have been made, totalling almost £300,000, following accidents or injuries on the job between March 2010 and March this year.

Around half of the claims were made after staff members slipped, tripped or fell, according to a Freedom of Information request.

A total of £5,057 was paid to one staff member who was hit by an object. The trust awarded another £5,778 to an employee hit by a barrier and £6,303 to an employee who had been scalded. There was also a £5,739 payout by the health trust following an act of physical violence towards a worker. Walsall Council's public health and wellbeing chief, Councillor Rose Martin said: "I'm sure the trust will be doing all it can to reduce the risks to its staff."

### Highest

In total, the health trust had to pay £295,349 over five years. Claims equal to or over £10,001 are paid by the National Health Service Litiare paid by the National Health Service Litt-gation Authority, with those below this figure paid by the trust. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust pays an excess of £10,000 for any claims that are over £10,000. Compensation claims paid to staff scaled to their highest in 2013/14 with £89,772 awarded

to employees. A total of £54,704 in employee compensation claims was paid out over the last financial year. Staff compensation claims paid by the health trust in 2012/13 amounted to £42,605, while £48,794 was paid in 2011/12 and £58,471 in 2010/11.

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It was revealed earlier this month that the trust has been told to save an extra £2.9 million this year, despite the fact bosses are already failing the original financial targets.

The trust had set itself a target of overspending on its budget by £17.7m in 2015/2016 which chiefs called a planned deficit. But four months into the financial year bosses had already spent an extra £100,000. They have blamed that on a number of reasons including overspending on nurses, as well as fines levied for missing targets relating to patients being referred for elective treatment on time.



Ella Crowley, nine, Louise and Tom Fletcher-Gwillam, all from Great Wyrley, are seen with Alaskan malamute Izzy, running for Walsall Heart Care

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### **New Street** is better except as a station

ON Friday, I took a day off work to see the revamped Birmingham New Street Station.

Station.

From the outside I thought it a little underwhelming, to be brutally honest. Smart and business-like, certainly, but not architecturally imposing. More London Euston than the truly great stations such as King's Cross or St Pancras.
But indoors? Fantastic. A huge glass dome casts a pool of natural light on the bordes below. There is a huge range.

the hordes below. There is a huge range of shops to cater for every need and budget. Then, there is an excellent range of cafes and restaurants, and that nasty old pub has now been replaced by a hip and stylish bar.

In short the new station is now a destination in itself.

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There's just one problem though. Once one has finished sipping Prosecco in the atrium, having perused the contents of the John Lewis list, and devoured the exquisite range of cakes and ice creams, it is down the same old escalator into the is down the same old escalator into the same old dark, cramped and crowded New Street below. The same old drab, depressing platforms, the same old dingy lighting, the same old New Street.

The new station is better in every way than the old New Street, save for one aspect: being a railway station. On that score, it is still a big disappointment.

LIKE most men, any visit to a retail establishment must first be preceded with a battle plan, the aim being to avoid any unwanted conversation with sales assis-tants whatsoever.

Chaps will know what I'm talking about;

Chaps will know what I'm talking about; wait until other people enter the shop the same time as you do, move quickly but quietly, know what you are looking for before you go in, and don't whatever you do, make eye contact with any young man in a sharp suit.

However, during my visit to New Street's Grand Central last week, it appears staff have come up with a cunning new ruse to combat us stealth shoppers. Now dressed in casual clothes, without any discernible identification, they mingle with the shoppers and gently engage them in conversation.

It also seems that some of the high-

them in conversation.

It also seems that some of the higher-end retailers have stopped putting prices on their clothes. Presumably in the hope that people will ask a member of staff, and then feel obliged to pay the extortionately high price for fear of being thought of as rude or tight. Yeah, right.

As I've said many times before. These Prumpries They don't junderstand Black

As I've said many times before. These Brummies. They don't understand Black Country folk, do they?

I THINK the least said about David Cameron and the Pig-gate allegations the better. Except that a horrible image comes into my head every time I tuck into a packet of pork scratchings.





A close-up view of one of the weapons - a knuckleduster



Guns among the weapons put on display last week

# Bins move hope for life without the knife

Hundreds of deadly weapons have been handed in after bins were put out across the region. **ROB GOLLEDGE** reports

LIKE a terrifying piece of modern art, 406 deadly weapons are displayed side by side for the first time.

A serrated knuckleduster designed to maim victims, an intimidating 20-inch machete, and a fierce jigsaw blade are among the horrifying arsenal taken off the West Midlands streets in the past six

months.

"They live in a life of perceived fear," says
Mike Smith, founder of Word 4 Weapons, describing those who surrendered the haul in 11
deposit bins across Wolverhampton and Birmincham

The aim is to rid the streets of these lethal

The aim is to rid the streets of these lethal killers. But expectations are realistic.

"In the Bible, it refers to people who live by the sword, end up dying the by the sword, and the same applies now," he said. "Carrying a weapon does not save a life, it takes a life. The bing the part going to explicit fellows. bins are not going to solve it alone.

### Surrendered

"People have been killing each other since Cain and Abel and that is not going to stop overnight. But it is part of the puzzle."

There were 406 weapons surrendered in the latest cache. But more than 15,000 have been collected across the West Midlands and London by this pioneering voluntary scheme since 2009. Mr Smith added: "I started in 2007 and the reason was that I saw so many young and the reason was that I saw so many young and the reason was that I saw so many young people lose their lives because of knives. We could never do this on our own. There is a lot of support from police, local authorities, and community organisations.

"We go into schools and talk about the con-

sequences of carrying a knife and what could happen. In schools pupils are taught maths and English, how to make a baby but not how to save lives. These are the things that made



PCC David Jamieson with the haul of 406 weapons that have been taken off the streets

me feel we needed to do something. In the West Midlands the communities have been very engaged. They have asked for it and they have supported it. we needed to do something. In the

"Knife crime has been around for a long, Innie crime has been around for a long, long time. I grew up in 1960 and can remember the skinheads, mods, rockers, punks, and teddy boys. They carried them around. In society we have a gang culture and territorial culture. If they knew the fact you are more

culture. If they knew the fact you are more likely to be injured or killed by carrying one they wouldn't do it.

"We have other influences out there such as TV and films. We can't stop those influences but as parents and guardians we can teach and coach our children to separate reality from fiction. A lot of education has to start at home.

"TV and films are dramatised. It feeds negativity by diamorising Lock at Lames Bond, he

tivity by glamorising. Look at James Bond; he shoots people, and sleeps with many beautiful

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women. We need to instil values in people so

that they can separate fact from fiction.

"The reality of being in a gang is not glamorous. It is boring."

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The perception of fear is something that is echoed by a top West Midlands police officer who works to clear knives and guns from the streets. Detective Constable Dave Webb said: "I work as a link between the community and the police. The scheme has helped establish trust with the local communities and from the number of knives and even fire arms deposited, the results speak for themselves.

"There were more than 100 knives in one bin in Wolverhampton including a live firearm. It is all about trust and confidence but it is important that this is something that is run by the community. Why do people carry knives? It is about protection. Because one person has a knife, someone else thinks they

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oncerned mother or someone who has found a knife in their child's room and has the trust and confidence to get rid of it safely.

"They represent someone who has gone to school and had made that choice that they do not need it and surrendered it."

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Knife crime has reduced from 4,116 incidents in 2002/03 to 1,555 last year.
But that is still an average of four knife crimes a day across the Black Country and Birmingham.

Birmingham.

Community campaigner Desmond Jaddoo added: "I think a lot of it is peer pressure. They see others around them with knives and think they have to too. Others are poor and think the only way they can get what they want is to rob someone else."

In total, 406 items were last week emptied from the collection bins, including 104 in Whitmore Reans and 14 in Heath Town, both in Wolverhammton.

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The city will host the first Word 4 Weapons Community Awards at Molineux next month to recognise the contribution made by people to rid knives from the streets.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "These are ordinary people who are coming together to get knives and weapons off our streets.

"The numbers here may be shocking but it shows the bins are working.

"Residents can be reassured that every effort is being made to reduce knife crime. The

Residents can be reassured that every effort is being made to reduce knife crime. The figures are down by a third in the last decade and schemes like this with faith leaders and community figures is effective."

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito said: "It is the community that has taken this action. Although looking

that has taken this action. Although looking at the number and sheer variety of the weapons is horrifying, this is good news. Each one of these knives is someone who has not been killed or stabbed.

"There were people who were sceptical at the start of this project but getting these weapons off our streets is encouraging."

There are bins in Whitmore Reans, Heath Town, Sparkbrook, Edgbaston, Hockley, Lozells, Erdington, and Aston.

Another bin is planned for the Sandwell area, likely to be in West Bromwich.



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ing, in these areas that have seen large same site, is not being well received by

vember 2 to let the council khow their views on the proposals. Further infor-mation can be obtained by e-mailing: planningpolicy@walsall.gov.uk or tele-phoning: 01922 658020. COUNCILLOR PETE SMITH Blakenall Ward, Walsall MBC

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This is a company that wants to redevelop a brown field site into a modern transport hub, that I believe was a depot before.

The vehicles would not pass through the village as this is a hub so vehicles would get to and from it via J1 M54 or by J11 M6 from what I can see.

As for the noise and pollution I am sure the Environ-

tion I am sure the Environtion I am sure the Environ-ment Agency would make this part of the planning consent. I say if a company is willing to invest £30,000,000 and create more jobs in the area they should be thanked for that, not house the prefor that, not have the pro-

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### **Hypocritical gripes** over leader Corbyn

PETER Rhodes (September 17) deplores the 'bullying' of Jeremy Corbyn by the 'Fleet Street pack'. Perhaps he is a bit unfair to his media colleagues, since some of the flak is coming from members of Corbyn's own party. When Corbyn made history by appointing more women than men to his shadow cabinet, I am sure that he expected

than men to his shadow cablinet, I am sure that he expected moans from 'right whingers' about 'political correctness gone mad'. What he may not have expected was attacks like that from failed parliamentary candidate Kate Godfrey reported by Daniel Wainwright on page 6. Godfrey, among others, is upset that Corbyn didn't appoint a woman to one of the perceived 'great offices of state'. Whatever you think of her politics, Yvette Cooper was a competent shadow home secretary. Corbyn would have been mad to sack her, but she refused to serve in his front bench team. Corbyn is certainly a republican and I believe he is an atheist.

I can't see how anyone can justify demanding that the man invoke a deity in whom he does not believe - the

 a theological concept in which he does not believe – the holder of an office which he would prefer to see abolished. Compulsory hypocrisy, anyone?

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# Walt blasts off with new space race hope

to be astronauts but Walt Cunningham is one of the select few who have actually been lucky enough to travel beyond the Earth's atmosphere.
And the man himself touched

down in Walsall on Saturday to share his out-of-this-world experi-

ences with an audience.
In 1968, Walt was part of an Apollo
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flight which paved the way for Neil Armstrong stepping onto the moon less than a year later.

Not surprisingly, he is a man passionate about exploring space – and it is the 1960s 'golden age' which he discussed at Walsall Town Hall.

In setting out what motivated the pioneers of that era, the American – who spent nearly 11 days in space and orbited the Earth 163 times – revealed his frustration at the lack of space exploration in the 21st century.

He said: "Back in the time of Apollo we were willing to push the next fron-

He said: "Back in the time of Apollo we were willing to push the next frontier much like Magellan when he was pushing the frontier to go around Earth for the first time.

"Most humans today have backed off from all that. The next frontier is inter-planetary flight. We can only do that if we are willing to take risks. We are in a society that has become pretty risk averse and you can see that in the space programmes."

Mr Cunningham, now aged 83, is a strong believer the benefits of push-

strong believer the benefits of push-ing boundaries go far beyond the initial achievement. He added: "When we went to the moon that was an accomplishment which was nice, it was very impressive, but the benefit that fell out to all of us was technology and the breakthrough and the mental aspects of going and doing these things



**Astronaut Walt Cunningham** 



The all-American hero, ex-fighter pilot



Walt on launch morning in October 1968 One of the reasons for the slowdown in space exploration, according to Mr Cunningham, is the difference in background of many of today's astronauts.

Whereas he was a fighter pilot, now most of those who reside at the International Space Station are scientists. Mr Cunningham admitted we are



unlikely to see mankind on Mars any time soon. His frustration at a perceived lack of ambition in today's explorers is matched in scale only by his pride in the 'golden age', when the public watched in awe as nation's competed to go further and further beyond



SECRETARY Jennie Fer-SECRETARY Jennie Ferrington welcomed members
to the September meeting
and quickly dealt with formal matters. Thanks were
expressed for the efforts
made to raise the target
sum of £100 for the Pelsall
Community Centre's 50th
birthday fund.

Members were reminded
of the Federation Afternoon
Tea to be held at the Com-

Tea to be held at the Com-munity Centre on Friday October 2, from 2-4.30pm.

The Walking Group told members of their city walk on September 9 when they followed the Big Hoot Trail around Birmingham. In total 41 owls were found and two sets of owlets admired in St Martins Church and the BBC studios at the Moilbox.

Mailbox.
One coffee stop and a picnic on the return train

journey completed a great day out.
Pat Heeley said the out-ing to Melton Mowbray was thoroughly enjoyed.

thoroughly enjoyed.

The secretary introduced the speaker for the evening, Cas Bailey, who related her experiences firstly, as a young Police Cadet, and then as an inexperienced Police Constable. Her frank and comical stories kent the

Police Constable. Her frank and comical stories kept the audience in gales of laughter for most of the evening.

The lunch club meeting at Farmer Johns, Aldridge Road, Sutton Coldfieldwas most enjoyable, even with a hiccup with the fire alarm. The next venue on Tuesday October 20 is the Longhorn, Sutton Road, Walsall.

On October 15, Ian Bott will present his film show 'A Night of Terror'.



Smiling faces in the garden party thrown by guild member Vera Beard

THE picture shows just a small part of the lovely garden of guild memberVera Beard.
The garden was packed with visitors and the sun shone on a very happy, successful afternoon as shown in every smiling face.
Vera held a garden party in support of the quild's two chosen charities of the year, the Cancer Unit of Birmingham's Children's 4360 was raised

Hospital and the YMCA Walsall. Thanks to the hard work of Carol and Donna Molloy and many others an admirable sum of over £360 was raised.

### Trip ends with retail therapy

ON Thursday September 3 club members visited the historic town of Monmouth on the Welsh borders.

Members visited the wonderful baroque Shire Hall, once used as the assize courts and where the court-rooms and cells can still be

Also displayed is the

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beautiful tapestry of Henry V. Members also visited the Nelson museum which houses one of the best col-lections on Admiral Nelson.

The day was rounded off nicely with a visit to a large retail park for browsing and buying. The club meets on the second Monday of each month at Broadway United Reform Church, with meet-ings getting under way at 10.15am.

Visitors are very welcome



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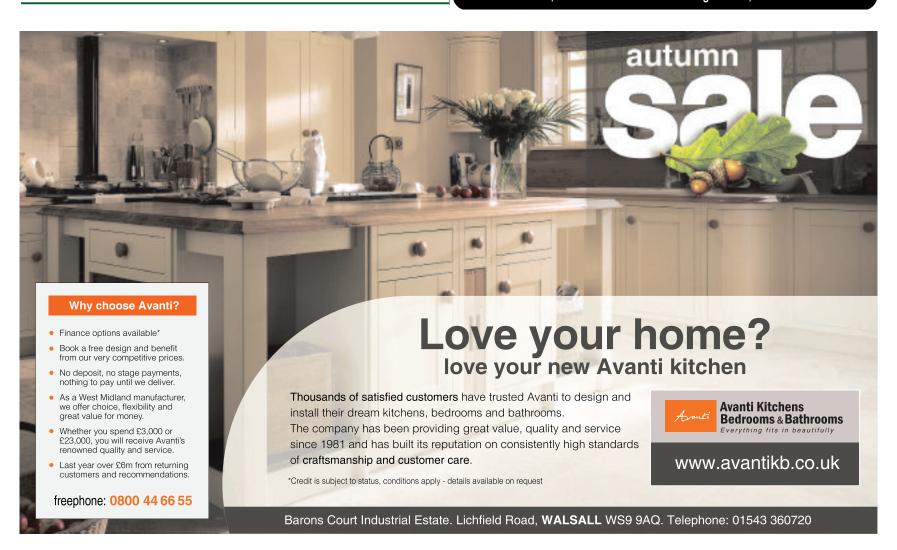


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### From River to Little Streams for pupils



Governor Lou Rochelle and deputy headteacher Andrea Goodson with headteacher Jane King at the nurture house

DEPRIVED children struggling to cope with starting school will be given a helping hand at a specially designed classroom converted out of a school caretaker's house.

The Little Streams nurture house at River Primary Academy will provide a caring, safe environment fea-turing play items from home.

Hving opened this week, it will offer smaller classes and more dedicated help to those youngsters who are behind. Headteacher Jane King said: "I can't wait to see all of the children and parents getting involved. Some 78 per cent of our public meaning will be meaning the library will be provide the control of the contro pils receive pupil premium funding.

"We all drive towards breaking out of the poverty cycle, and the

only way you can do that is through education. We strive for our kids to be ready to attack that secondary curriculum."

Eight three to five-year-olds and Eight three to inve-year-olds and eight five to six-year-olds will be given the chance to learn at their own pace in the converted house, which was funded and built with local businesses. Youngsters will be regularly assessed and be moved the pack to mainstream classes when regularly assessed and be moved back to mainstream classes when they are ready. Ms King said: "It's a place where children are in a caring, safe, stimulating environment that will give them experiences that they're not use to at home. The new building was converted from an old caretaker's house on the grounds.



Jane with youngsters inside Little Streams

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### Horse-maiming case is revisited with book



Sue Washington and Roger Moore from Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society get ready for their exhibition

District Local History Society get ready for their exhibition A BOOK about the infamous horse maiming case at the turn of the last century will be launched at an annual exhibition this weekend. The Edaljis – A Family in Turmoil by Dr Alan Jones, available at £7, provides a new slant on the saga that rocked Great Wyrley.

Another publication, Cheslyn Hay through the 1900s, costing £5, will also be unveiled at the Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society event on Saturday.

More than 800 old photographs will be on show in the village hall, in Pinfold Lane, from 10am to 4pm. Separate displays include the 1920s, plans and schedules listing all the individual landowners of the Cheslyn Hay Enclosur Act of 1792; and Tithe Maps of the 1830s and 1840s.

Metal detecting finds, watercolour pictures by local artists, the life of local entertainer Mons Perchant and one of Hells Corner and Saredon Road – including a film – make up the displays.

The event will feature a book sale and films to watch while enjoying refreshments. Admission is free.

# **Opposition** to housing estate plan taking off

OPPOSITION to controversial plans to build a large housing estate in Great Wyrley is mounting as a local MP joins the protest.

Gavin Williamson has vowed to kick-start a campaign to block the building of 136 homes in Landywood Lane. The MP for South Staffordshire said he

wood Lane. The MP for South Staffordshire said he planned to meet residents to thrash out the best way to fight the scheme.

A petition against the move has already reached more than 1,000 signatures within three days. New SOS – Save Our Space – signs and banners have also been made. Two petition points have been set up in the village – at Fusion electrical engineers in Station Street and a gazebo outside the home of residents Glenis and Clive Priest.

Mr Williamson said the issue have been set up in the village of the scheme said clive priest.

She said: "There is loads more traction than last more

was outraged at the scheme submitted by KGL Holdings, submitted by KoL Holdings, run by local businessman Ken Lees who two years ago fronted a similar bid. He said: "These plans have been rejected repeat-edly. We do not want these

edly. We do not want these properties on our green belt. From what I've seen they are a gross intrusion into the village and take away the individual identities of Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay as this development would join them together."

In a letter to residents he promised to 'kickstart our

welcomed Mr Williamson's support and said the issue had galvanised the two communities 'like never before.'
She said: "There is loads more traction than last time. A Save Our Space Facebook site I set up last time, which had 550 members, has grown to 1,550 within a week. It's super to have Gavin Williamson on board. He is someone with a board. He is someone with a lot of clout who gets things done. His support was inval-uable last time round." She said the protesters'

current focus was to get the word out as many people were still unaware of what Mr Lees was trying to do.

Mr Lees, director of the Cannock-based company, said his decision not to two.

said his decision not to pro ceed with an appeal had been taken on the advice of the firm's legal consultant. **AUTUMN SALE** 

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### Centre's tree that's knit just for decoration



Crafter Beth Porter seen with the tree of life, laden with unique designs, at Walsall Arboretum's new visitor centre

A TREE of life is on display at Walsall Arboretum's new visitor centre and has been made by a group of talented crafters – representing a potentially lifesaving brand of knitting.

The Walsall Arboretum Crafters group, which has around 30 members, meets weekly at the Arboretum and wants to pass on their skills such as the unique art of fabric felting for the wider community to enjoy.

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The group's tree of life has been produced entirely by hand and is laden with unique leaf designs and hangings, and is a metaphor for how knitting can save lives. The crafters have been tasked by a national charity with links

to Africa to produce 'fish and chip' blankets for babies.

The blankets are called this because some newborns in African hospitals are wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm like fish and chips – before they are sent home. Walsall Manor Hospital has also commissioned them to knit tiny hats for its premature baises unit. Lynne Tandy, founder of the group, said: "As soon as we heard that our skills could help keep little ones warm at a crucial stage during their first hours we felt really proud.
"The baby clothing and blankets

"The baby clothing and blankets that we knit for tiny babies both here and in Africa is very close to our hearts. We are a diverse mix of crafters who have developed together in a very natural and organic way. One thing that we all have in common is that we love being creative together. It is wonderful to be able to share skills with each other and hopefully the wider community, too."

community, too."
Bloxwich West Councillor Louise
Harrison said: "The tree of life is a
vibrant and delightful addition to
the Arboretum visitor's centre and is
much admired by all who've seen it."

The group meets on Wednesdays from 1.30-4pm and is seeking new members, to join email Lynne.tandy@walsall.gov.uk



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### May puts charity in the mix for contest



Lower Farm primary school pupil May Parry aged 10, who has been selected to take part in Face of the Globe

IT got messy in the kitchen as one schoolgirl held a series of cake sales to help her in a bid to win a global beauty

contest.

May Parry, of Bloxwich, will compete in the north west heats of the Face Of The Globe pageant which is taking place in Manchester on October 4.

The contest requires her to carry out charity work for the Rainbow Child Foundation and the 10-year-old has been holding cake sales at venues around Walsall, including at Lower Farm Primary School, where she attends.

She has so far sold 120 cakes in the last fortnight, raising around £90. If she wins the heat, she will represent England at the grand finals being held next year at Disneyland Paris.

Her mother Maria Parry, aged 40, who works as an administrator, said: "She had to send in some photos and show the charity work she has done. We got an email telling us that she had been picked. She's over the moon."

# Trio jailed for attack in 'open warfare'

THREE thugs who launched 'open warfare' in a Black Country street armed with a metal bar, hammer and chain have been locked up.

Matthew Hughes, James Cook and Shane Mason, all 22, took part in an alcohol-fuelled attack on a car with two people inside. Hughes swung a chain at the vehicle while Cook, with a metal bar, and Mason, wielding a hammer, targeted the windscreen.

The attack took place in Stretton Road, on will be the company of the

lenhall's Beacon estate, on June 9 last year. Trouble flared due to a personal ven-detta between them and the

All three pleaded guilty to affray and were sentenced to a year behind bars. Road but who now lives in Brownhills, was given an extra three months after admitting assault occasion-ing actual bodily harm for a separate attack that night on Derek Rowley causing two cuts which required stitches. Hughes, of Hall Green Street, Bilston, was also handed another six months to be served concur-Road but who now lives in months to be served concurrently for causing more than

£800 of criminal damage.

When the violence broke out, Mason, of Sneyd Lane,

Essington, was also serving a suspended sentence for battery in 2012 but was issued no further punishment for breaching that order. That evening, Hughes,

That evening, Hugnes, Cook and Mason had been drinking at Cook's house before going to the Victoria Club in Bloxwich. It is believed a row broke out at the nightspot. All three originally denied a string of public order offences promuting lic order offences prompting a trial which ended when a trial which ended when they later changed their pleas. It emerged the group attacked the car because of a personal vendetta against the man inside.

Witnesses said the scenes were like 'open warfare' claiming the victim's family retallated with violence of their own, although no fur-ther charges were made.



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### Rare treat with Born Again Christians

Christians, Roachford, Wulfrun Hall GARRY Christian addresses the au-dience: "I'm a bit nervous, we've only

dence: I m is ob: nervous, we've only been doing this for 28 years."

Well, Garry, it shows. A more pol-ished and spine-tingling performance from one of the late '80s biggest bands, would be hard to find, and yet here we were with The Christians and another leading British proponent of fine soul-inspired rock/pop, Roachford, on the same bill. A rare treat indeed.

Garry may be the only surviving member of the band which took the music world by storm in 1987 but he has surrounded himself with amazing nas surrounded nimself with amazing nusicians. The self-effacing, 49-year-old and cantankerous — so he says — frontman still has that velvety voice which could melt chocolate. We were treated to all the classics,

Forgotten Town, Born Again and a storming encore rendition of Harvest For The World, each one showing off

an amazing vocal blend courtesy of Joey Ankrah and Neil Griffiths. Roachford, of course, is all about one man, Andrew Roachford. Musicalone man, Andrew Roachford. Musicality oozed from his fingertips and his band were happy to let him take centre stage with hook-laden classics such as Only To Be With You, The Way I Feel and This Generation, with his breakthrough hit Cuddly Toy bringing everyone to their feet for a rousing finale.

Graeme Andrew

### Liz shows serious and playful side

Liz Simcock
Woodman Folk Club
THE friendly Kingswinford
club welcomed well travelled singer/songwriter Liz
Simcock who took to the
stage this time for a solo
performance. Simcock is a
gentle, laid back singer who
claims to model herself on
the great Joni Mitchell alt
though her sound is quiet
distinct from her idol.
Her set really consisted of

distinct from her idol.

Her set really consisted of serious and slow moving ballads such as The Long Haul, about sticking by each other through thick and thin and City Girl about longing to be out in the quiet countryside, or perkier comedy songs such as The Bouzouki and the W3 which was inspired by when she left her newly acquired instrument on a London bus.

acquired instrument on a London bus.

There was the occasional twee song too in the form of the Knitting Song, not really fodder for the local rugby club, but a nice enough ditty for all that. Most of the set was taken from her fourth album Friday Night Train Home which is available

Danny Farragher



Violinist Nicola Benedetti performed with passion and verve at Symphony Hall, Birminghan

### Vivaldi by violin virtuoso

Nicola Benedetti,
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
ACCLAIMED Scottish violinist Nicola
Benedetti paid tribute to her father's homeland with an Italian themed concert on
Saturday. Opening with Vivaldi's The Four
Seasons, the 28-year-old former young musician of the year took the solos in a string
ensemble that included her partner on and
off stage, German cellist Leonard Elschenbroich. Miss Benedetti played with vigour
and a joy as infectious as her smile but her
energetic approach was tempered with an
understanding that teased fresh qualities
from such a well-known piece.
The first half of the concert ended with
a Vivaldi excerpt but this time the famous
violinist played a supporting role to the
highly talented young string players from
the National Children's Orchestra. There

was nothing patronising about this addition

was nothing patronising about this addition to the programme as the young musicians' standards were impeccable.

After the interval, came Duetti D'Amore, by Mark-Anthony Turnage, written for Benedetti and and her cellist partner. A challenging piece, it reflected the phases and foibles of a human relationship, from discord to harmony. Its five brief sections, lasting a total of 15 minutes, received polite applause rather than the enthusiastic appreciation of the Vivaldi. It was rewarding to hear a new work which had received its premiere as part of this short tour. premiere as part of this short tour.

premiere as part of this short tour.
The performance ended with the return
of her fellow musicians for a romantic Russian take on the Italian theme in Tchaikovsky's Souvenir De Florence, which Miss
Benedetti led with passion and verve.

Leon Burakowski

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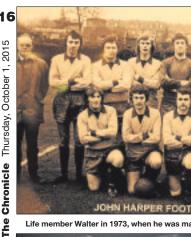
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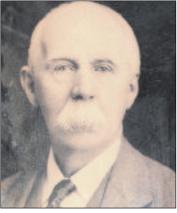
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Lots of celebrations and surprises as



Walter, of Wolverhampton, with the cup, at the Pavilion



JW Hunt Cup life member Walter Wakeman, in the 1980s

### IW Hunt Cup hits 90-year milestone LAUGHTER and surprises were

the name of the game at the 90th

amateur footballers battle it out

for the right to appear at Mo-

Launched in 1926, the competition

has raised £308,000 to help blind resi-

was presented with an engraved glass de-canter in recognition of his more than 35

vears service to the football cup

lineux.

Mr Wakeman, 86, of Lodge Road, Oxley, was invited to become secretary in 1985 re-placing Peter Crane, before taking on the treasurer's role in 1994 – a post he gave up only last year.

The trophy is named in memory of John William Hunt, a businessman and benefac-tor who founded the local Chillington Tool Company and was a supporter of charities in the area.

### **Tireless**

Mr Wakeman, also a retired referee, says: "The whole idea for the JW Hunt Cup was to raise money for the Blind Institute that was based almost opposite Molineux in Wa-

The first final was held in 1927 when it

cost only pence to go and watch. "It is won-derful that the competition has been run-

derful that the competition has been run-ning for so long.

"It's not just about me. A lot of other peo-ple have been tireless in their work for it."
He was presented with the special gift by Wolverhampton Wanderers club secretary Richard Skirrow, who praised him for his delication to the sport

dedication to the sport.

Teams that compete come from a 40-mile radius from the Birmingham, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire Football Associations and the final is held at Molineux. The inaugural winners were Short Heath United, who beat Cannon Iron.

United, who beat Cannon Iron.

The silver trophy which has distinctive 'crocodile' design handles has been won by Tividale FC for the last two years and was on display at the event along with memorabilia collected by the cup's committee over the decades, including winning team photographs players' hadges and medials.

graphs, players' badges, and medals. Chillington's trademark was the 'croc-

Cup president Alex Hamil, of Ettingshall

Cup president Alex Hamil, of Ettingshall Park, said: "We are very proud to be in our 90th year and are looking forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary.

"There used to be thousands of these competitions all over the place, now there are just a few so I'm very proud to see still going we hope to see it carry on for many years to come.

"Without people like Walter this competition just wouldn't happen. We appreciate everything that he's done."

Around 60 supporters of the cup including referees and former players attended the event that included a buffet and a raffle with proceeds going the Beacon Centre for

with proceeds going the Beacon Centre for the Blind, which is based in Sedgley Road

East.
Earlier this year an exhibition of cup
memorabilia was held at the Black Country Living Museum.



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Something Good: At Dawn, Solar Noon and Dusk Fri at 9am - 6pm, Sat at 9am -6pm, Free Birmingham Cathedral, B3 2QB. Call 0121 262 1840

Performance Platform: Robert **Levin** Tue at 1.05pm - 2pm, 3pm, £3.50 - £6.50 Birmingham Conservatoire, B3 3HG. Call 0121 331 5901

Monday Showcase: Haydn, Beethoven Mon at 1pm - 2pm, Free Birmingham Conservatoire,

B3 3HG, Call 0121 331 5901 Tamsin Waley-Cohen Plays Mendelssohn Wed at 2.30pm,

£8.50 - £23.50 Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

DMS Anniversary Concert – A Fusion of Music and Dance Sun at 7pm, £6 - £18.50 Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

### **THEATRE**

The Supreme Fabulettes In Viva Las Divas Fri at 7.30pm, £18.25 - £19.25 Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE. Call 01527 65203

Sunshine On Leith

Sunshine On Leith Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £15 - £17 The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, B16 8AE. Call 0121 643 5858

Birmingham Royal Ballet: Kin/ Theme And Variations/Enigma Variations Thu at 7.30pm, £5 - £85.50

Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm, £10/£9 Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

Vienna Festival Ballet: Coppelia Thu at 7.30pm, £11 - £64 Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR. Call 01543 412121

Relatively Speaking: The Nonentities.

Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, £10 - £12.50 The Rose Theatre Kidderminster, DY10 2RX. Call 01562 743745

onrek Ine Musical Fri at 7.15pm, Wed at 7.15pm, Thu at 2pm, 2pm, 7.15pm, 7.15pm, £16.50 - £44.50 Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Wy1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

The Shawshank Redemption The Snawsnank Recemption Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £12.90 - £37.90 New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

Birmingham Royal Ballet: First Steps: A Child's Swan Lake (Ages 3-7) Fri at 1pm, £10 Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TR Call 0844 338 5000

Birmingham Royal Ballet: Swan

Lake Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 2pm, £18 - £106.50 Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Tree Fu Tom Live Sat at 1pm, 3.30pm, £10 - £12 Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE, Call 01527 65203

Blofeld & Baxter: Rogues On The Road Mon at 8pm, £20.35 Wolverhampton Slade Rooms,

WV1 1RQ Call 0870 320 7000

Sally Morgan: Psychic Sally On The Road Tue at 7.30pm,

E23.50 - £27.90 Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR. Call 01543 412121

An Evening With Adam Henson: Talk

Fri at 7.30pm, £20.50 Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR. Call 01543 412121

### **COMEDY**

Doug Stanhope
Wed at 7.30pm - 10.30pm, £30
O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

Roy Chubby Brown Thu at 7.30pm, £20 - £21 Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock, WS11 1DE. Call 01543 578762

Jason Byrne: 20 Years A Clown Sat at 8pm - 10.30pm, £17.50 Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

Alfie Moore: The Naked Stun Sun at 8pm, £11 - £12 Wolverhampton Slade Rooms, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320

Wed at 7pm £8.50 Wolverhampton Slade Rooms, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

POP & ROCK

Dreaming Of Kate: Kate Bush Tribute

Fri at 7.30pm, £15 - £16 The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

The Coast Road Fri at 7.45pm, £6 - £8 Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE. Call 01527 65203

Gabrielle Aplin Sun at 7pm, £12.50 The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

The Icicle Works Sat at 12am, Wolverhampton Slade Rooms, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

Wed at 7pm, £28 The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

Midge Ure Sun at 8pm, £20 Wulfrun Hall. Wolverhampton, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

Gordon Hendricks & The Passionettes: Elvis Tribute Sat at 7.30pm, Sun at 7.30pm, £12 - £19 Artrix, Bromsgrove, B61 1PQ. Call 01527 577330

Johnny Marr Mon at 7pm - 11pm, £24 The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

Kick Up The 80s Sat at 7.30pm, £8 - £9.50 The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Jack Savoretti Sat at 6.30pm, £19 The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

Starsailor Thu at 7pm, £19.50 Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall, WV1 1RQ. 0870 320 7000

An Evening With Bruce Cockburn
Mon at 8.30pm, £16 - £18
The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Rob Kingsley: A Vision Of Elvis: Elvis Presley Tribute Sat at 7.30pm, £19.50 Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR. Call 01543 412121

Leo Sayer: Restless Years Thu at 8.30pm, £17.50 - £25 The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Purple Zeppelin: Deep Purple & Led Zeppelin Tribute Fri at 7.30pm, £15 - £16 Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock, WS11 1DE. Call 01543 578762

God Damn Fri at 7pm, £8 The Rainbow, Birmingham, B12 0I D Call 0121 753 1818

Whitney Queen Of The Night Thu at 7.30pm, £26 - £27.90 New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

Paradise Lost - The Plaque Within Tour
Sat at 7.30pm - 11pm, £18
Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall,
WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

James Bay Thu at 7pm, £19.50 O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB.

Call 0121 622 8250

Belinda Carlisle Sun at 8pm - 10.30pm, Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

Sat at 7pm - 10pm, £32.50 - £47.50 Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

Swede Dreamz: Abba Tribute Fri - Sat at 7.30pm - 2am, £8 The River Rooms, Stourbridge, DY8 1JN. Call 01384 397177

Legends Live £43.20 - £50.20 Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, B1 2AA. Call 0121 780 4141

Mallory Knox Fri at 7pm, £14 Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall, WV1 1RQ. 0870 320 7000

Syria Crisis Appeal Rockfest Syn at 2pm - 10pm, £6 Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Ultra 90's: 90s Dance Tribute Sat at 7.30pm, £9 The River Rooms, Stourbridge, DY8 1JN. Call 01384 397177

Layla Tutt Sun at 8pm - 11pm, Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

### Strauss' Salome Skewwiiii Sat at 8pm, The Boars Head, Kidderminster, DY10 1EW. Call 01562 861870 Fri at 7.30pm - 10pm, £9.50 - £45 Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

Erja Lyytinen And Her Band Wed at 7.30pm, £13 - £15 The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Fall Out Boy Tue at 6pm, Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, B1 2AA. Call 0121 780 4141

Skewwhiff

Fri at 7pm - 11.45pm, £3 The Boars Head, Kidderminster, DY10 1EW. Call 01562 861870

Keith James: The Songs Of Leonard Cohen Thu at 8pm, £10 - £14.50 Stafford Gatehouse ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

That'll Be The Day Friday at 7.30pm, £23.50 Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

### **FOLK & ACOUSTIC**

Benjamin Folke Thomas Mon at 7.30pm - 11pm, £8 Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Gerry Colvin Sun at 7.30pm - 11pm, £10 Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Mon at 8pm, £10.50 - £13.50 Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653 Irish Music Session

Krista Detor

Wed at 8pm, Katie Fitzgerald's, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 3TB. Call 01384 374410

### JAZZ & BLUES

The Jazz Club: Michael Janisch – Paradigm Shift Thu at 8pm, £4 - £6.50 Birmingham Conservatoire, B3 3HG. Call 0121 331 5901

Evan Christopher's Django A La Creole Sat at 8pm, £13 - £15 Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SE. Call 01902 321321

### OTHER MUSIC

Simply Soweto Encha Wed at 8pm, £11 - £13 mac, Cannon Hill Road, Birmingham, B12 9QH. Call 0121 446 3232

# **Dancers celebrate** silver anniversary

ONE of the greatest ballets of all time will feature as part of the Birmingham Royal Ballet's 25th anniversary season at the city's Hippo-

drome theatre.

BRB will perform Swan Lake until Tuesday, October 6, before returning to the venue from October 8 to 10 with Variations Triple Bill, which will feature Theme and Variations, Kin and Enigma Variations

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BRB is one of the world's leading classical companies and the UK's premiere touring ballet company. It has staged 139 different ballets over the course of around 225 weeks of performances during its 25 years in Birmingham.

The company is celebrating its silver anniversary and celebrations will begin with the return of one of the company's most beloved productions, Swan Lake, featuring an ensemble of 50 dancers and an orchestra of 60, towering Gothic sets and beautiful classical costumes.

The classic production of ballet's greatest love story features a sumptuous design by Philip Prowse with spectacular costumes including the famous flock of white tutus appearing from a lake of dry ice.

The Royal Ballet Sinfonia's 60 musicians will bring Tchaikovsky's legnedary score to life in a spectagular

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evening.
The Variations triple bill will bring back to the stage the first piece ever performed by Birmingham Royal Bal-let in the city, George Balanchine's



A scene from Kin, part of the Variations Triple Bill by Birmingham Royal Ballet

Theme and Variations. Tickets to the Ineme and variations. Tickets to the special evening of three unique and different ballets are priced at exclusive anniversary rates with over 200 seats at each performance available at just £10.

BRB will also be exhibiting many of the costumes that have featured in

its productions. For the first time, the its productions. For the first time, the company has teamed up with one of the city's department stores, House of Fraser to display highlights from the company's extensive catalogue of costumes. Birmingham Royal Ballet: 25

Light approach from Gabrielle

perhaps that should come as no surprise.

After all, Gabrielle Aplin enjoyed huge success with her debut album, English Rain, which prompted an incredible 63.5 million plays on Spotify, 80 million YouTube views, 1.5 million single sales and No 1 chart positions in both the UK and Australia.

And of course she enjoyed a buge number one single three

And, of course, she enjoyed a huge number one single three years back with a festive rendition of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's The Power Of Love.

She's back on the road soon, headlining Birmingham's Institute on Sunday to preview her new album, Light Up The

Dark.

The record was written and recorded in a producer-friend's house, Luke Potashnick, in a corner of Stoke Newington, London. Both intimate and expansive, its songs bristle with energy, crackle with atmosphere and swagger with a Feistmeets-Cat Power brainy cool.

"I've just seen stuff, and I wanted to write about more stuff," is the simple explanation by the 22-year-old from Wiltshire of the progression evident on new songs like the euphoric title track and the punchy, soulful first single 'Skeleton'.

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"Light Up The Dark was really speedy. It felt as though I blinked and it was done. We would write the songs, have lunch, then start the demos. But the demos became the re-cordings. We liked what we'd done so much.

"And now, generally, it doesn't sound like I'm trying too hard when I sing."

### Singer-songwriters are coming to Brum

'It doesn't

sound like I'm

trying too hard

LEADING singer-songwriters Jack Savoretti and James Bay both have gigs coming up in Bir-

mingham.
Savoretti, who released fourth album Written in Scars this year, has sold out The Institute in Digbeth on Saturday.
Bay topped the charts with his debut album Chaos and the Calm and is also likely to face a full house when he is in concert at the O2 Academy on Thursday, October 8.
Otherwise it's rock all the

October 8.
Otherwise, it's rock all the way with Mallory Knox at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow (Fri), and Fall Out Boy at the Barclaycard Arena on Tuesday, also the night Teenage Dirthag outfit Wheatus are at the O2 Academy.

### Dog gone tales and confused heroes

ACCLAIMED Cornwall-based ACCLAIMED Cornwall-based theatre company Kneehigh have brought their hard-hitting new musical inspired by John Gay's 18th century satire The Beggar's Opera to Birmingham Rep. Entitled Dead Dog In A Suitcase (And Other Love Songs), it's final performance is in the main house on Saturday. How To Be A Hero by Bernadette Russell and Gareth Brierley tells of potential caped crusaders confused over how to

crusaders confused over how to tell good folk from the bad. It is also on until Saturday, in Bir-mingham Rep's smaller venue

The Door. Call 0121 236 4455 or visit www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

### Back to the 1980s weekend nostalgia

FOUR major acts from the 1980s are in concert across the

1980s are in concert across the West Midlands this weekend. Chroniclers of everyday life, Squeeze, are back with an album named after their theme to TV sitcom Cradle To The Grave and in concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday. In Wolverhampton that night Icicle Works with Ian

that night Icicle Works with Ian McNabb play The Slade Rooms. Live Aid co-founder and for-mer Ultravox frontman Midge Ure is at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday, the same night ex-Go-Gos singer Belinda Carlisle, a chart-topper with solo hit Heaven Is A Place On Earth, plays Birmingham Town Hall.

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There are many way to cruise along the River Avon

Flying high - don't miss the butterfly farm

Waterway to see Stratford - take a river cruise past the impressive Royal Shakespeare The

Enjoy a break just as you like it lands riverside town would wit-

By Diane Davies

ness the birth of arguably the greatest playwright the world has ever known.

This alone secured Stratford-upon-Av-This alone secured Strattord-upon-Av-on's destiny as a world-class destination, welcoming some five and a half million visi-tors every year. And it's about to get bigger! Next year is the 400th anniversary of Wil-liam Shakespeare's death with literature

fans, academics and tourists from across the world set to descend on the town to take part in the festivities.

It will be a wonderful celebration to be a

nt will be a wonderful celebration to be a part of. But if you want to see some of the many jewels this beautiful market town has to offer in relative peace then it is probably best to go now. Stratford-upon-Avon is breathtakingly

picturesque and almost on our doorstep. You don't have to be a Shakespeare fan to enjoy it either; visitors can find tranquillity along the River Avon, check out a host of family attractions, enjoy top shopping and fine restaurants. Any trip can be exactly As You Like It though, if you do like a little

prose, live theatre and care to drop out the odd Shakespeare quote then you'll be spoilt rotten here.

rotten here.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust runs a number of Tudor homes linked to the Bard, transporting visitors back to the 16th century. The most popular is, of course, the Birthplace museum, the family home where following his birth in April 1564 he was raised in a time when the town was gripped by the bubonic plague.

It's known that, at the age of 18, William lived at the house in Henley Street for a time with his new bride Anne Hathaway who was already three months pregnant.

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who was already three months pregnant.
There are traditional English gardens
behind the house and here you can often
catch ad hoc performances by actors who
take requests. On a sunny afternoon I wiled away some time watching these casual per-formances.

Also very popular is Anne Hathaway's Cottage in a small wooded valley on the out-skirts of the town. The former farmhouse feels fixed in time and includes some orig-

inal artefacts from the Hathaway's family home. In nearby Wilmcote is Mary Arden's farm. Mary was Shakespeare's mother and she inherited the farm Here there are na-

she inherited the farm. Here there are nature trails, archery, falcoury and animals as well as an adventure playground.

No visitor to Stratford could fail to spot the imposing Royal Shakespeare Theatre overlooking the river. In fact, the RSC owns a large swathe of the town from the theatre right up to the Holy Trinity Church. To watch a show here is to see Shakespeare at it's finest. The actors are of the highest cellbra and the merchantering is considered. calibre and no production is ever the same.

### **Impressive**

But if you don't have time to watch a production or think theatre is Much Ado About Nothing, it's worth joining one of the behind-the-scenes tours, offering a chance to sit inside the impressive theatre and hear of its recent transformation. You also get to go into wardrobe, the 'control room', see the dressing rooms, and some of the exquisite costumes and learn some of the technical secrets such as the truth about David Tennant's hair in Richard II.

Stratford itself still follows a medieval

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grid pattern of streets and it's easy to nav-igate. However, a lovely way to view the town from a different angle is along the

town from a different angle is along the River Avon be it via a rowing boat, motor-boat, canoe or punt. We enjoyed a 40-minute river cruise thanks to Avon Boating. Everywhere you turn in Stratford there are historic buildings but if you want to really submerge yourself in the experience I recommend the four-star Macdonald Alveston Manor Hotel, just minutes from the town but offering an oasis of tranquillity.

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Stratford offers a range of restaurants to suit every budget from a Marco Pierre White to Wetherspoons, but you would be missing out on a real treat if you didn't dine at the hotel's award-winning Manor Restaurant.

If you are looking for something to do with the children there are several attractions such as Tudor World, ghost walks, or the Butterfly Farm.

Should you have time to spare there are a host of shops in the town from high street stores, to more exclusive names and some unique businesses. So the question now is not 'to be in Stratford or not to be' – rather when will we be there again?

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Worth a visit - Shakespeare Birthplace Trust





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EVERY FRIDAY



### CHOICE



**Tony Robinson** 

### **Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms**

(Channel 4, 8pm)
Over the years they have made us laugh, occasionally cry and have turned jobbing actors into household names. They are of course situation comedies, and Blighty has produced some of the best the world has ever seen. Tamsin Greig has starred in a few of her own, including Episodes, Black Books and the wonderfully surreal Green Wing, so who better to narrate this two-part countdown of the nation's favourite based on a recent poll? Whether you're a fan of old school classics like Dad's Army, or the ratings-busting Mrs Brown's Boys, there's a little something for everyone here. It also features interviews with a host of famous faces, including Brendan O'Carroll, Richard Wilson, Tony Robinson and Wendy Craig.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Cornforts. (Pt 2.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday 1.00 Brough League Play-Offs. 2.00 Bargaine. Hunt. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Continent. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News. 5.20 Regional Programme. 5.30 Pointless Celebrities.

6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the first of this weekend's two shows – and this is when things get serious. There are no more get serious. There are no more second chances for the twinkle-toed stars as they and their partners step out onto the dance floor again. Tomorrow the first pro-celebrity couple will be leaving the competition, as their scores the competition, as their scores from judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are added to those of the voting viewers. But which pair will have performed their last dance? The ladies taking to the dance? The ladies taking to the floor are Anita Rani, Carol Kirkwood, Georgia May Foote, Helen George, Jamelia, Katie Derham, Kellie Bright and Kirsty Gallacher. Up for the men are Ainsley Harriott, Anthony Ogogo, Daniel O'Donnell, Iwan Thomas, Jaw McGuinness, Jaremy Vine and Jay McGuiness, Jeremy Vine and Peter Andre. The results can be seen tomorrow.

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Doctor Who. When an underwater base comes under attack, the Doctor and Clara must save the frightened crew and defeat an impossible threat that appears to be turning the dead into ghoots.

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9.10 Casualty. Iain and Dixie are pushed to the limit during a training exercise, while Dylan and Lofty treat an accident-prone patient.

10.00 The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning numbers are revealed by Gaby Roslin.

10.10 BBC News: Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest

presents injunignts of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City Newcastle United; National Lottery Update. 11.55 Film: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. (2004) Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Appliegate. 1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.30

### RRC2

**6.00 Film:** Gunga Din. (1939) **7.55 Film:** Dean Spanley. (2008) **9.30** The Women's Dean Spanley. (2008) 9.30 The Women's Football Show. (R) 10.00 Animal Park. (R) 10.30 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 11.00 Animal SOS. (R) 11.30 Animal SOS. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu. (R) 1.30 Great British Menu. (R) 2.00 Film: Silk Stockings. (1957) 3.55 Flog It! (R) 4.55 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R) 6.55 Cardeness' Mortif Eashion

6.55 Gardeners' World. Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work.

Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem. A scientist, a beekeeper and a conservationist from South Africa set out to discover if the honey badger's reputation as one of the most fearless animals in the world is justified. (R)

Dad's Army. (R)

9.00 Cradle to Grave. Danny finally enters Miss Blondel's darkroom.

9.30 Boy Meets Girl. Leo is given a trial at a car showroom. (R)

10.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. 11 17776 15oks back

at Wednesday's semi-final, remembering the highlights and presenting unseen footage from the tent as the four remaining the tent as the four remaining bakers competed for the three places in next week's final. This week the theme was chocolate, and here Jo and her fellow panellists meet the unlucky contestant whose efforts weren't quite good enough to impress Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry.
They also review the bakers'
efforts. What will they think of their
signature chocolate tarts? Who
rose to the chocolate soufflé
technical? And whose
showstopping 3D chocolate snowstopping 30 chocolate centrepiece was the centre of attention? They also taste bakes brought in by the studio audience and look at photos of cakes sent in by viewers. It makes you hungry just watching it. (R)

10.30 In Case You Missed It. Dara O Briain hosts a unique TV review

11.00 Film: Hunky Dory. (2011) Comedy drama, starring Minnie Driver. 12.40 Film: Skeletons. (2010) 2.15 This

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.20 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.43 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 6.50 Sooty. (R), 1.05 Fish Hooks. 7.25 Adventure Time. 7.45 Marvel Avengers Assemble. 8.15 Horrid Henry. 8.30 The Unnderbirds Are Go. (R) 9.00 Sessie. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Unitor gletable Frankle Howerd. (R) 10.00 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 10.45 The X Factor. (R) 12.45 ITV News; Weather. 12.55 Downton Abbey. (R) 2.00 Rugby World Cup. Samava Valpan (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.26 Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Scotland (Kick-off 4.45pm). 6.50 Regional Programme; Weather.

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7.00 ITV News; weather.
7.15 Rugby World Cup. England v
Australia (Kick-off 8.00pm).
Coverage of the Pool A contest
from Twickenham, as the teams
play their third match of the
tournament. These nations have burnament. These nations have faced each other at five of the seven previous World Cups, and it is England who have the better record of those meetings, winning three of them. The most notable of those from an England perspective was the 20-17 victory in the 2003 final in Sydney, which went some way to avening the 12-6 hoss they way to avenging the 12-6 loss they suffered in the 1991 final at Twickenham, and provided the national team with its greatest ever moment. Presented by John moment. Presented by John Inverdale, with analysis from Clive Woodward, Jonny Wilkinson, Michael Lynagh, Jason Robinson and Danny Cipriani, and commentary by Nick Mullins, Lawrence Dallaglio and Ben Kay.

10.15 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon snoops around the homes

Lemon snoops around the homes of three mystery celebrities, inviting Mark Wright, Janet Street-Porter and Vermon Kay to guess their identities.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.35 Rughy World Cup Highlights. Samoa v Japan, South Africa v Scotland and England v Australia. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the matches staged at Stadium mk, St James' Park and Twickenham respectively.

12.35 Jackpot247. Viewers get the

12.35 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information

### **CHANNEL 4**

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.05 World How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.05 World Mountain Running Championships. 8.00 The Morning Line 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 11.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 11.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.50 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.50 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.20 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.05 Location. Location.

6.05 Location, Location, Location.
Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer
are in south-west London, helping long-distance partners Jason and Jaye, and Hannah and Frank, who are searching for a family home.

(R)

Celebrity Benchmark. Chris

Ramsey and Joe Swash battle in

out for the contestant's Chair as

Paddy McGuinness hosts another

star-studder found of the game

show. This week, the

Benchmarkers are Phil Tufnell,

Susie Dent, Jason Byme, Bobby

George, Michelle Heaton, Louis

Smith, Edwina Currie, Mark

Watson and, Lamse Haskell and Watson and James Haskell, and the star who wins the opening duel must assess how well the celebrity panel answered to a series of panel answered to a series of tricky numerical questions if hope to win £50,000 for their chosen charity.

8.00 Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms. Part one of two. Tamsin Greig narrates this tribute to the shows that have made millions laugh over the past 50 years, including Dad's Army and Mrs Brown's Boys.

9.00 Film: Bridesmaids. (2011) A disorganised woman is asked disorganised woman is asked to be maid of honour at her best friend's wedding. Taking charge of the prenuptial bridal celebrations, she resolves to give her pal and accompanying bridesmaids the time of their lives, but as her efforts slide into chaos she finds the wife the property of their property of the property o the wife of the groom's boss is keen to usurp her position. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig.

11.30 Film: Hope Springs. (2012) Romantic comedy, with Mery Streep.

1.25 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 2.20 Hollvoaks. (R) 4.25 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Fifteen to One. (R)

### **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.35 Access. 10.50 Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.50** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.50 Film**: Crazy for Bullders, (r) 12.30 Film: Grazy for Christmas, 2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. 2.45 Film: A Christmas Kiss. (2011) Romantic drama, with Laura Breckenridge and Brendan Fehr. 4.30 Film: Help for Christmas. (2012)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Kevin Stokes and Brian Kevin Stokes and Brian
O'Shaughnessy chase a £16,000
debt run up by a coach company
and Stewart McCracken and Elmor
Victor face a heartbreaking house
repossession. (R)

Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.
This week's collection of viral videos features a woman who decides to conduct a yoga session too close to the sea and a junior veightlifter who smashes a fish

Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. This week's collection of videos focuses on the theme of being in the wrong place at the wrong tim and features a pub worker who does not realise a cellar door is

8.00 Now That's Funny! The series showcasing the most hilarious internet videos continues with a woman attempting to break a world record with marshmallows.

8.55 S News Weekend.

8.55 5 News Weekend.
9,00 Football League Tonight. Kelly
Cates and George Riley present
extended highlights of the
weekend's top matches, including
Leeds United v Birmingham City.
10.30 Michael Buble's Christmas
Special. The Grammy-winning
Canadian crooner performs classic

Galiadar Godel periodic periodic descriptions cassing festive songs, featuring duets with Mary J Blige, Mariah Carey and the Cookie Monster. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R)

season. (H)

11.25 My Crazy Christmas Obsession.
First of a two-part documentary
about people obsessed with the
festive period, beginning by
following four American households who take decorations to the extreme. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R)

12.25 The Gadget Show. (R) 1.20 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet. (R) 4.00 Body Donors. (R) 4.50 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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### **DIGITAL**

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Film:
Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009) 9.40
Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger
Tides (2011) 11.45 Family Guy 1.55 Asian
Provocateur 2.25 Orphan Black 3.55 Close **BBC Four** 

7 00 Three Men Go to Scotland 8 00 The 7.00 Three Men Go to Scotland 8.00 The Search for Affred the Great 9.00 Beck: The Invasion 10.30 Biggest Band Break Ups and Make Ups 11.30 Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie 12.30 Top of the Pops: 1980 1.05 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley 2.05 Film: Joy Division (2008) 3.40 Close

ITV2

11.05 The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly
12.10 You've Been Framed: Kidsl 1.10 The
X Factor 3.15 The Ktra Factor 4.20
Catchphrase 5.00 Film: The Polar Express
(2004) 6.55 Film: Rumour Has It (2005)
9.00 Film: Particial Magic (1998) 11.15
Celebrity Julice 12.05 The Almost
Impossible Gameshow 1.05 Release the
Hounds 1.55 Safeword 2.30 Rixton: The
Hot Desk 2.40 Teleshonping 5.40 ITV2 Hot Desk 2.40 Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2

7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 A Touch of Frost 12.00 Inspector Morse 2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

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11.20 Pawn Stars 12.50 Goodwood Cars of the Future – Road 1.50 Goodwood Classic Cars \_50 BRDE Formula 4 Championship Highlights 3.50 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 3.50 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.20 Pawn Stars 7.10 Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Parto (1987) 9.00 Film: The Blues Brothers (1980) 11.35 Film: The Day of the Jackal (1973) 2.25 Hogan's Heroes 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping F4

E4
11.00 The Goldbergs 12.00 Film: Horton
Hears a Whol (2008) 1.45 Rude(ish) Tube
Shorts 2.00 The Big Bang Theory: Access
All Areas 2.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.00
Film: Bride Wars (2009) 7.45 Rude(ish)
Tube Shorts 8.00 The Big Bang Theory for
5 Raj 10.30 Gogglebox 12.40 Bad Robots
1.51 How to Pull the Date of Your Dreams
1.45 The Inbetweeners 2.40 How I Met
Vaux Mother 2.55 Dutes of Engagement

Your Mother 3.25 Rules of Engagement 4.15 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.40 Revenge FIIM
11.00 City of Ember (2008) 1.00 Catch
That Kid (2004) 2.45 The Iron Giant (1999)
4.25 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
(2009) 6.10 Robin Hood (2010) 8.55
Macbeth Interview Special 9.00 Iron Man
(2008) 11.25 VIH/S/2 (2013) 1.20
Memento (2000) 3.40 Close

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### CHOICE



### From Darkness (BBC1, 9pm)

The Beeb's short but sweet series of adaptations of 20th century literature classics is now over, but don't worry drama fans because replacing it is this dark offering. Anne-Marie Duff heads the cast as Claire Church, a former officer with Manchester police who guit the force after becoming disillusioned with the iob. She now lives in the remote Western Isles with her partner and daughter, but her past is about to catch up with her. Claire's former mentor, DCI John Hind, thinks that bodies found on a building site could be linked to a case involving missing women, which only Claire seemed to care about back in 1998. But can he persuade her to help him discover the truth? And are his motives entirely professional?

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day.
(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 (r) 9.uu ine Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 3.00 Eat Well for Less? (R) 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Songs of Praise. 4.50 The Great British Bake Off Class of 2014. 5.50 BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme

- Beginnai Programme.
   Beventyfile. The latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- Ariead.

  Strictly Come Dancing: The
  Results. Tess Daly and Claudia
  Winkleman host the results show,
  as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores. Rod Stewart provides the
- music.

  8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Durham Cathedral, where she examines a collection of rare books, including an early version of the Magna. an early version of the Magna Carta, and John Axford examines a rare 19th-century plate. Objects brought in to be valued include a carriage clock found on a bomb site, an early drawing by Laura Knight, a 19th-century missionary's medical kit and a collection of football memorabilia.
- 9.00 From Darkness. New series. From Darkness. New series. Former Graeter Manchester Police officer Claire Church's peaceful existence in the Western Isles is shattered when four bodies linked to her previous investigations are unearflued. The subsequent inquiry forces her to revisit her troubled past in law enforcement, and drags her back into a world she thought she had left behind for good. Psychological crime drama, written by Katte Baxendale, and starring Anne-Marie Duff.

10 OO RRC News

- 10.00 BBC News.
  10.20 Regional Programme.
  10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark
  Chapman reviews the day's
  Premier League action, featuring
  Everton v Liverpool, Arsenal v
- Manchester United and Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur. 11.45 The Women's Football Show
- 12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.20 BBC News.

### RRC2

6.15 The Instant Gardener. (R) 7.00 Countryfile. (R) 8.00 Gardeners' Wo (R) 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.00 Live Athletics. 2.00 NFL Live.

- Super League Play-Offs. Tanya
   Arnold introduces action from the
   Million Pound Game, which
   decided who claimed the final
   place in next season's Super League
- League.
  7.00 Patagonia: Earth's Secret
  Paradise. The programme follows
  the path of the relentless with
  sweeping east through Patagonia's
  dry desert, revealing the animals
  and people carving out a home in
  the arid environment. (R)
- the and environment. (R) Licence to Thrill Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin. The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars, test-driving various models, and making an attempt to join one of Aston's racing teams.
- 9.00 Special Forces Ultimate Hell Week. Andrew Flintoff puts the contenders through the final challenge, as they undertake a gruelling 48 hours of mental and physical challenges with the Birtish SAS. Last in the series.
- decision.
- 10.20 Family Guy. Bobby Briggs, the criminal who crippled Joe years criminal who crippled Joe years before, breaks out of jail – but he does not bargain on the community's hostile reception, led by Peter, Joe and Quagmire.

  10.45 Family Guy. Lois has an image change.
- change.

  11.05 Top Coppers. New series. Police crime drama spoof, following the exploits of Justice City detectives John Mahogany and Mitch Rust. Starring Steen Raskopoulos and John Kearns.
- Jonn Kearns.

  11.35 Film. Lucky Them. (2013)
  Premiere. A journalist is assigned
  to track down a rock star she once
  had a relationship with, who has
  since disappeared. Comedy
  drama, with Toni Collette.
- 1.05 Film: Love. (2011) 2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 3.20 Holby City. (R) 4.20 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.20 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.45 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 6.50 Sooty. (R) 7.05 Fish Hooks, 7.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles. 7.45 Marvel Avengers Assemble. 8.15 Horrid Henry, 8.30 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 9.00 Horrible Inuncerbirds Are Go. (R) 9..00 Hormbe Science. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.45 ITV News; Weather. 2.00 Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.20 Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 4.45pm).

- 6.45 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.55 ITV News: Weather
- 6.55 ITV News; Weather.
  7.00 The X Factor. The first stage of this year's three-part Six Chair Chailenge arrives, in which judges Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versinia are given the opportunity to pick six acts to champion through to the later stages of the contest. The format has the potential to generate a great deal of drama in the studio, as the judges have the right to switch acts in and out of their line-up whenever they choose. Girl group. acts in and out of their line-up whenever they choose. Girl group 4th Power, 17-year-old singer Louisa Johnson and youth worker Monica Michael are among the would-be stars who have already secured a place in this round of the
- secured a place in this round of the contest, but it remains to be seen whether any of them will be able to win over the panel and progress further.

  Downton Abbey, Mr Carson and Mrs Hughes' wedding arrives, bringing with a few unexpected guests. Meanwhile, as tensions mount over the hospital takeover, Isobel offends a friend.

  DITV News: Weather

10.00 ITV News; Weather. 10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights

action from the latest matches.

1.15 Perspectives: The Great
American Love Song with Nicky
Campbell. The broadcaster
reveals his passion for the music
of 1920s and 1930s New York,
choosing six timeless love songs
from the era and finding out about
the artists who wrote them. (R)

12.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.15
Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50
ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle
Show. (R)

### **CHANNEL 4**

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.05 Caterham Motorsport. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Eversier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Channel A Rading. Prix de l'Arc de Thomphe, Including the leature race at Irrompne. Including the feature race at 2.55. **4.00** The Simpsons. (R) **4.30 Film:** School of Rock. (2003) Comedy, starring Jack Black.

6.40 Channel 4 News.

- 0.40 Channel 4 News.
  7.00 Homes by the Sea. New series. Charlie Luxton visits seaside properties across Britain, beginning in Cornwall, where he visits a listed engine house at Porthtowan and a tithe barn in Bude. Previously seen on More4.
- Bude. Previously seen on Morea.

  8.00 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb. An insight into the work of archaeologist Dr Kathleen Martinez, whose unorthodox theories led to the discovery of a tomb that may be the final resting place of Egypt's last queen.
- last queen.

  9.00 This Is England '90. Shane

  Meadows' gritty chronicle of

  working-class life in the Midlands

  concludes with this, the last entry

  in the 1990-set tale, and the

  final part of the decade-spanning

  story of Woody, Lol, Shaun and

  friends. As winter arrives, there is friends. As winter arrives, there is a promise of new beginnings for Combo, Woody and Lol, but nothing is ever as simple as it seems. Shaun has grown into the man he was always meant to be, and Milky must deal with demons from his past. Meanwhile, Kelly strays drastically from the path, and only she can decide whether she will ever get her life back on track. Starring Joe Gilgun, Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose and Chanel Cresswell. Last in the series.
- 10.40 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
- 11.45 Embarrassing Bodies: The 36-Stone Woman. The doctors catch up with Patience, who at 36-stone up with Patience, who at 36-stone was morbidly obese when she first sought help with her weight, and has spent two years trying to gain control of her body.

  12.45 Film: The Stone Roses: Made of Stone. (2013) 2.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.10 Fifteen to One. (R) 5.00 Location, Location, Location, Location, R)

### **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 And Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Pip Ahoy! (R) 6.45 Tickety Toc. (R) 6.55 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.05 Roboarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.25 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 7.55 Wanda and the Allen. (R) 8.05 Zack and Ouack. (R) 8.20 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.35 Jelly Jamm. (R) 8.55 Lazy Town. (R) 9.20 Dora and Friends. (R) 9.50 Spongebbo SquarePants. 10.25 Football League Tonight. (R) 1.155 Access. (R) 12.05 The Dog Rescuers at Xmas with Alan Davies. (R) 1.05 My Crazy Christmas Obsession. (R)

- Rescuers at Xmas with Alan Davies. (R)

  1.05 My Crazy Christmas Obsession. (R)

  2.10 Film: My Santa. (2013) Drama,
  starring Samaire Armstrong. 3.50 Film:
  The Horse Whisperer. (1998) Drama,
  starring Robert Redford.

  7.05 5 New Weekend.

  7.10 Film: Hancock. (2008) A
  reluctant, alcoholic superhero
  ends up the most hated man in
  Los Angles thanks to his habit of
  causing mayhem and destruction
  while trying to do good. However,
  when he saves the life of a PR
  guru, the grateful executive sets
  about transforming the public
  perception of the crime-fighter,
  despite his wife's Strong. perception of the crime-lighter, despite his wife's strong misgivings. Comedy, starring Will Smith, Jason Bateman and Charlize Theron. Edited for pre-watershed broadcast. 9.00 Film: That's My Boy. (2012) Premiere. A teenager fathers a
- Film: That's My Boy. (2012) Premiera. A teenager fathers a child and raises him alone, but when the boy grows up, he no longer wants anything to do with his drunken, irresponsible parent. As he prepares to get married, the son finds his father gatecrashing the wedding, desperate to rebuild their relationship but just as obnoxious as ever. Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Andy Sambern Samberg.
- 11.20 Film: Now Pronounce You Chuck
  & Larry. (2007) A fireman asks a
  male colleague to pretend to marry
  him to get round a problem with
  his late wife's life insurance policy.
  Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kevin
  James and Jessica Biel.
- 1.30 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive cnance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting eam. **3.10** Nevada Triangle: The Missing Evidence. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

### **DIGITAL**

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear
9.00 Film: Tropic Thunder (2008) 10.40
Russell Howard's Good News 11.05
Family Guy 11.50 American Dad! 12.10
Family Guy 12.30 Asian Provocateur
1.00 KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy
2.00 Fried 2.30 Don't Tell the Bride

BBC Four
7.00 The Other Pompeii: Life and Death
in Herculaneum 8.00 Woolly Mammoth:
Secrets from the Ice 9.00 Rome's Lost
Empire 10.30 TOP2 11.00 Jazz Plano
Gold 12.00 Georgie Fame: The Birth of
Cool 1.00 Bought with Love: The Secret
History of British Art Collections 2.00
TOTP2

11.40 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 11.40 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 12.40 You've Been Framed 1.10 Film: Uncle Buck (1989) 3.05 Film: Beethoven (1992) 4.55 Film: She's the Man (2006) 7.00 Film: Stormbreaker (2006) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003) 12.00 Film: Billy Madison (1995) 1.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.10 Rizzle Kicks: The Hot Desk 2.20 Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

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11. 10 Murder, She Wrote 12.15
Inspector Morse 2.30 Film: Ben-Hur
(1959) 6.50 Foyle's War 9.00 Sunday
Night at the Palladium 10.00 Birds of a
Feather 10.30 City Lights 11.35 Film:
Private Benjamin (1980) 1.50 Murder,
She Wrote 2.40 Doctor in the House

ITV4
11.55 Rugby World Cup Highlights 1.00
Film: Dunkirk (1988) 3.45 Film: Battle of
the Bulge (1985) 7.00 Goodwood Cars of
the Future – Road 8.00 Goodwood
Classic Cars 9.00 Film: Apocalypse Now
(1979) 12.05 Film: The Quest (1996)
2.00 Hello n Wheels 2.50 ITV
Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

12.35 Film: Planet 51 (2009) 2.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 2.30 Couples Come Dine with Me 4.30 Bad(ish) Robot 5.00 Rude(ish) Tube 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) 11.10 The Inbetweeners 12.10 The IT Crowd 1.15 Rude Tube 2.20 Young, Free & Single

Film4
11.00 The Last Wagon (1956) 1.00 Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) 3.10 The Rugrats Movie (1999) 4.45 New in Town (2009) 6.40 The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012) 9.00 Taken (2008) 10.50 Machete (2010) 12.55 The Wind That Shakes the Barley (2006)

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### **FILM CHOICES**

The Four Feathers, Channel 5, 10pm

An officer resigns from the military, earning the disdain of his friends – so he sets out to win back their respect. Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger and Wes Bentley. (2002)

### TUESDAY

Guilty at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A teenager believes her friend when she lies about being sexually harassed by a teacher, and falsely claims to have witnessed an incident. When the accused teacher commits suicide, she is consumed with guilt and begins to suspect she has been deceived. Crime drama, starring Erin Sanders. (2014)

### Obsession, Channel 5, 3,15pm

A woman receives a promotion at work that entails moving to a different city, so decides to end her relationship with her controlling boyfriend and make a fresh start. However, he does not take kindly to the rejection and begins stalking her, hoping to terrorise her into coming back to him. Thriller, starring Charisma Carpenter and Dylan Neal, (2011)



The Punisher, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

The Punisher, Channel 5, 10pm
FBI agent Frank Castle enrages a powerful gangland kingpin when a gunfight accidentally causes the death of the mobster's son. The crime boss retaliates by wiping out Castle's entire family, but the lawman reinvents himself as a vigilante, acting as judge, jury and executioner to the underworld. Thriller based on the Marvel comic-book anti-hero, starring Thomas Jane, John Travolta, Will Patton, Rebecca Romijn and Roy Scheider, (2004)

### FRIDAY

Lay the Favorite, BBC1, 11.55pm
A former stripper goes to Las Vegas to seek her fortune, but ends up working as a cocktail waitress However, a professional gambler hires her to help with his scams and she soon proves to have a knack for it – but arouses the jealousy of her mentor's wife. Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall. (2012)

### **Taking a fascinating** look behind the scenes

hen Wayne Rooney blasted home a penalty past Swiss keeper Yann Sommer in England's 2-0 European Qualifying win at Wembley last month, it marked a milestone in the career of the 29-year-old England captain.

It was Rooney's 50th goal for his ountry and saw him overtake Sir Bobby Charlton's record to become the national team's all-time top scorer

the national teams all-time top scorer. Now, to mark the achievement the Manchester United striker has given cameras unique access to his life and family, including wife Coleen, their sons Kai and Klay, and all four of the boys' grandparents.

"I have been approached many times about allowing the cameras into our lives and always said no," Rooney

"But now seems the right time. This film is not just about my goals, it's about the people I care about the most, my team mates, the people closest to me but most importantly, my family."

The film, presented by Gary Lineker takes Rooney back to the housing

estates in Merseyside where he grew up as an Everton fan.

Born in Croxteth, Liverpool, Rooney began playing for Liverpool Schoolboys and Copplehouse boys' club in the local Walton and Kirkdale junior league, before being spotted by Everton scout Bob Pendleton.

Rooney joined Everton aged nine, and was mascot for Toffees in the Merseyside derby as an 11-year-old.

Merseyside derby as an IT-year-oid.
Then on 19 October 2002, five days before his 17th birthday, Rooney scored the winner against Arsenal to end the Gunners' 30-match unbeater run, and make his the youngest goalscorer in Premier League history.

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Rooney also became the youngest
player to play for England when he
earned his first cap in a friendly
against Australia in 2003 aged 17
years and 111 days, and since then
Rooney has continued to shine for club and country.

But despite spending his footballing career in the spotlight, Rooney has mostly attempted to keep his private life – with a few highly publicised exceptions.

However, Lineker, who is now third behind Rooney in the list of England scorers with 48, says: 'Il think that our film will allow the public to discover the real Wayne Rooney.

"It's been great spending time with him and the whole Rooney family. Remember also that Wayne is still only 29, he could push this record condiderably higher yet."

considerably higher yet."
Following his journey from humble beginnings to bona fide world-class footballer and record-breaker, this exclusive film promises to show Wayne's world off the pitch.

And according to Tony Pastor, Goalhanger Films creative director, it will be an eye-opener for most football fans. He says: "This film will change many people's view of Wayne Rooney.

"He's an intelligent and thoughtful man with a lot to say about football, family and what it means to represent his country."

With access to Old Trafford and at the England camp, the public will hear first-hand about 'Wazza's' rise to the top – and how those closest to him influenced his career.



Rooney: The Man Behind the Goals, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

### BEST OF THE REST

The Celts: Blood, Iron, and Sacrifice with Alice Roberts and Neil Oliver BBC2, 9pm

New series, Anthropologist Alice Roberts and archaeologist Neil Oliver explore the origins and beliefs of the ancient group of peoples, looking at their highly sophisticated tribal culture and influence on vast areas of the ancient world. They begin by examining the origins of the Celts in the Alps of Central Europe and the moment they first came into contact with the Romans, revealing the pivotal battles that took place between the two rivals came to define the future direction of European civilisation and the shape of the modern-day world.

### THESDAY

It's 10 years since Kevin Whately returned to the Morse universe to play Robbie Lewis. In that time, this spin-off series has become hugely popular almost as big as the drama that spawned it - and is a global success. It looks set to continue for some time too, because the standard of the scripts is as high as ever. The latest run begins with a two-part case for Lewis and his sidekick Hathaway. The duo have a new boss to contend with - Chief

Superintendent Moody - who isn't sure that Lewis should have come out of retirement, putting pressure on the veteran detective to solve the crime as quickly as impossible. It involves the remains of dy found down a well, and takes Oxford's finest into the complex worlds of social media, drugs, taxidermy, art, the homeless and the city's

### WEDNESDAY

The Great British Bake Off: The Final BBC1, 8pm

After weeks of risking soggy bottoms, limp crispbreads and undercooked sponge, only three bakers remain. Yes, it's time for the 2015 grand final, and you can bet that the trio who will battle out for the engraved cake stand (can't the show's makers think of something more spectacular for the winner?) are more nervous than ever before Just three more challenges stand before them and the much-coveted title, and it's too close a competition to call. The signature challenge involves turning enriched dough into filled ice buns. That's followed

by the notoriously difficult technical, and then the final chance to impress – the showstopper, which this year will see them bake classic British cakes.

### Thursday

Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm

Mark Gatiss is the youngest of three children born in Sedgefield, County Durham, in 1966 and grew up opposite the imposing Edwardian psychiatric hospital where his father worked. He's always believed the place at least partly inspired his love of all things gothic and mysterious - is he right, or do his genes

> during this episode, during which he researches his maternal line during a trip to Northern Ireland. He discovers his ancestors were story-tellers, which Gatiss, as a writer as well as an actor certainly is too. But it's the news that they were also regarded as the real-life version of Dracula's Dr Van Helsing that really shocks him. Sometimes, fact really is

play a part? Gatiss hopes to find out

d, Iron, and Sacrifice with Alice stranger than fiction.

### Friday Great British Menu

BBC2, 7pm
The final sees the remaining chefs at London's historic Drapers' Hall, tasked to serve up a menu of dishes to mark the centenary of the Women's Institute, serving the ladies, their current chair Janice Langely, Angela Baker who helped inspire the Calendar Girls initiative, and many other guests The menu was chosen by judges Oliver Peyton. Prue Leith and Matthew Fort from the dishes that had been shortlisted, and to make this all-frills banquet the competitors had to secure a place on that list at least once. Last in the series.

### Euro 2016 Qualifier Live

ITV, 7.15pm England have already secured their place in next year's finals in France, and play their penultimate match of their Group E campaign against Estonia at Wembley Stadium. Although some may regard this as a dead rubber, Roy Hodgson's hosts will be eager to maintain their 100-per-cent record in the group, and the Estonians still have slim hopes of qualifying for the play-offs. The reverse fixture 12 months ago saw England claim a narrow victory thanks to their now all-time top scorer Wayne Rooney breaking the deadlock 16 minutes from time.





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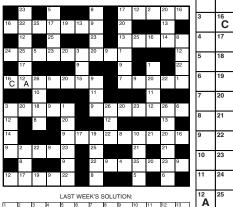
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# **BRAIN GYM**

### No.345

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



### **Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

### Cryptic Clues:

- 1. Makes a joint plan to study architectural features of churches (9)
- 8. Organised part of 6 Down (3) 9. Just the spot to
- show a decline in the tide level (4,2,5) Patricia Bird is a model (7)
- 12. Use some of the water in sea - to do this? (5)
- About class improvement in organisation (6) 15. Peaceful lovesong without any advertisement (6)
- 18. As an alternative to being badly stained
- 20 He attends to cases after dark (5-6)

  22. Nothing to the theologian is
- strange? (3) 23. A gem of a game

- 2. Blade used for beheading a pig (3) 3. See 21 Down
- 4. Rig now adopted for going on the river (6)
- 5. No longer confine the clique without charge (3,4) 6. Disposition modified
- by great manner 7. Where you'll find the star before
- everybody else (2,3,4) 10. Describing the exhausted jumper
- (3,2,6)11. Convert pride into ruin (9)

  14. Stays in the office
- no longer (7) . Weapon is used in
- intricate plot (6) 19. Porter carrying too much weight! (5) 21 & 3Dn. A heady
- device for picking up a signal! (3-5)

### Quick Clues Across

- 1. Wooing (9) 8 Self (3)
- 9. Successor (11)
- **11.** Respire (7) 12. Mistake (5)
- 13. At one (6) 15. Fame (6)
- 17. Pulls (5)
- 18. Lift up (7)
- 20. Sincerity (11)
- 22. Iniquity (3) 23 Resolve (9)

### Down

- 2. Poem (3) 3 Pamphlet (5)
- 4. Obeved (6)
- 5. Go before (7)
- 6. Worsen (11)
- 7. Consistency (9) 10. Plight (11)
- 11. Vast (9)
- 14. Made certain (7)
- 16. Turn back (6)
- **19.** Come in (5) 21. Bov (3)

### Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits

LAST WEEK'S

LAST WIER'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Set-off: 4 Assail; 9 All tor nothing; 10 Imparts: 11 Least; 12 Tonic; 14 Cross: 18 Reels; 19 Carmine; 21 Fair condition; 22 Enlist; 23 Fasser. Down: 1 Static; 2 Tel-ephone bill; 3 Floor; 5 Settler, 6 Animal spirits; 7 Lights; 8 In use; 13 Insects; 15 Trifle; 18 Scene; 17 Leaner; 20 Raise. QUICK - Across: 1 Appear; 4 Proper; 9 Correspondent; 10 Shelter; 11 Occur; 12 Edict; 14 Group; 18 Incur; 19 Inflate; 21 Collaborating; 22 Daring; 23 Chance. Down: 1 Access; 2 Perpendicular; 3 Agent; 5 Rancour; 6 Precocupation; 7 Retire; 8 Spare; 13 Certain; 15 Winced; 16 Minor; 17 League; 20 Flash.

### Quiz

Who was the second president of the

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- 2. On which river does Baghdad stand?
- 3. Which Soviet president died in 1985?
- 4 Which composer wrote The Sorcerer's
- 5. What was a farthingale?
- 6. What were W.S. Gilbert's forenames?
- 7. In which year did Marilyn Monroe marry
- Arthur Miller?
- 8. What is the busiest airport in France?
- 9. What is the oldest university in
- 10. What is a lazy Susan?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 1900; 2 Macbeth; 3 Cherry; 4 1890;

5 A single dot on a computer screen;

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- 6 Ajaccio; 7 Coulomb; 8 Marcel Duchamp;
- 9 Morocco: 10 BRN.
- Niner: FACETIOUS

### Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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### **Farrington Road Erdington**



•Guide Price £110,000 PLUS



### **Friary Gardens** Handsworth



eads to Reception Hall, Reception Room leads to Reception Hall, Reception Room
One, Reception Room Two, Kitchen,
First Floor Bedroom One with window to
front, Bedroom Two With window to rear,
Bedroom Three, Bathroom. Outside To the
front of the property there is a small garden
and a drive leading to a detached garden
providing off road parking. To the rear of
the property there is a well maintained
private garden.

fitted as well as a large rear garden would be perfectly suited for an investor. With

Ill amenities close at hand the property omprises: Ground Floor: Lounge with indow to front, Rear reception room with indow to rear, Kitchen with work surface lready fitted and access to the rear of he property. First Floor: Three bedrooms

and bathroom. Outside: At the front of the roperty there is a small overgrown garden property there is a small overgrown garden as well as a driveway, to the side of the property there is a small shed. At the rear of the property there is a large overgrown

nenities close at hand the property

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### Millfield Road Handsworth Wood



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Bridgewater Close Walsall Wood mily residence is situated in a popula



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### **Chestnut Grove**



●Guide Price £90,000 PLUS



### **Great Lister Street Birmingham**

evel of improvement would be suitable ooking to make this there home. With mprises: Main Level: Porch, Hallwa

ounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Bedroom One om One Bedroom Two Bedroom Three, Family Bathroom, Lower Level ower Level Garage Outside: The proper offers a mature front garden with off road parking at the front, at the rear there is a

> Situated just of Dartmouth Middleway in the heart off Birmingham City Centre with good access this former engineering works with ancillary yard and office space offers an ideal investment or owner occupier opportunity. With wide frontage and easy access via roller shutter doors, the spacious workshop area has 3 phase electric and warm air gas heating system. Ground Floor: Entrance Hall leads to ground floor facilities, which include male and female toilets, store room, meter room, corridor, and access to main workshop, measuring 24m x 16m (4130sqft) , access to which can be provided by 6m Roller shutter doors. Door leads to covered yard, once more accessed by roller shutter doors, opening into yard 16m x 5.6m. (900sqft) First Floor: Staircase leads to landing providing access to canteen measuring  $6m \times 4.3m$  with gas central heating boiler, providing heating to the first floor, corridor provides access to office 1  $7.5m \times 3.2m$  office 2 5.7mx 4.3m office 3 4.3m x 3m. Tenure: Property is offered on a leasehold basis on a 75 year lease from Birmingham City Council commencing 16th August 1963. At a rent of £168 on a half yearly basis. Birmingham city council that they are prepared to offer a new lease further details on request.

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### Gorway Road Walsall



Valsall is in need of modernisation and fifter great scope for improvement. The property is set on a good sized plot with pace to the side and the rear which iyeves it great development potential. (This property is currently in the process of being reated for Japanese Knotwed) With all amenities close at hand the property mprises: Ground Floor Front door leads

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D/Glazing & C/

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Two Bed End

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Conservatory.

Bathroom, D/G.

G/CH, Parking To

he Fore, Enclosed

Spacious Lounge

Townhouse

amily Bathroom

Heating, Off Road

Parking, Great F.T.B

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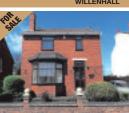
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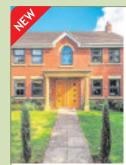




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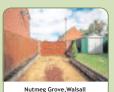




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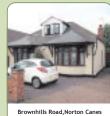




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### **638 PARKFIELD ROAD**

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Popular location, Mid Terraced, canopy Porch, Two Reception large Rear Hall, Cellar, Kitchen Two Double Bedrooms, large Bathroom, Gas CH., some Double Glazing

Outside: Two Stores, long garden Guide: £60,000 / £65,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER @ 10.30 a.m.

### **86 CASTLECROFT ROAD**

### **CASTLECROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 8DA**

Good residential area, well appointed Bungalow, Gas CH Porch, Hall, 22ft Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom

Store, ample Parking & Garage, lovely 100ft Rear Garden Guide: £113,000 / £118,000

VIEWING:

**BILSTON. WV14 6PQ** 

Investment - current income £5,700 p.a.x.

Conveniently situated Semi-Detached, Double Glazing, Gas CH,

Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Hall, fitted Cloakroom

Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, enclosed Rear Garden

Guide: £70,000 / £75,000

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER @ 11.15 a.m. **3 CASTLECROFT ROAD** 

### 14 GLOUCESTER STREET **WOLVERHAMPTON, WV6 0PT**

Well located Mid Terraced, Two Reception, Ground Floor Bathroom,

Two double Bedrooms, Gas CH system, Double Glazing Guide: £48,000 / £53,000

VIEWING:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER @ 12.00 noon

### **41 STRATTON STREET WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 9AJ**

Exceptionally well presented End Terraced Home Two Reception, well appointed Kitchen, Rear Hall, large Bathroom, Three Bedrooms

> Private Garden, Double Glazing, Gas CH Guide: £59,000 / £64,000

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### 38 STUBBS ROAD PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 7DJ

Investment

Advised Current income ££23,352 p.a.x. Potential when fully let £35,676 p.a.x. Large Period House offering Nine Flats - six let - three vacant ample off-road parking and lovely rear garden, well presented throughout. Guide: £365,000 / £375,000

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### **3 PRIESTFIELD STREET BILSTON, WV14 0NE**

Investment - Current income £6.300 p.a.x. Large Mid Terraced in ideal location Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Hall, WC & Store

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**LOT 10** 

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End mews house

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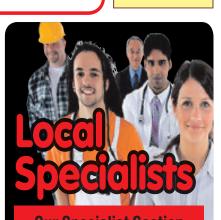
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### Khalsa are giant killers in FA Cup battle

Basford United 2 Sporting Khalsa 3

Sporting Khalsa 3
CRAIG Bannister grabbed his eight and ninth FA Cup goals of the season as Sporting Khalsa's feat of giant killing put them into the next round.

Basford keeper Saul Deeney

needed to be alert to punch away a dangerous Mensah Kinch cross which almost reached Joe Rogers

on 15 minutes.

Basford took the lead on 22 minutes when their two stand out players – Jermaine Hollis and BenHutchinson – combined with BenHutchinson – combined with the former taking a corner which ended up at the feet of the latter who slotted home.

Khalsa were a different team in the second half.

the second half.

On 58 minutes the game turned on its head, Bannister rampaging through, holding off his marker and slotting past Deeney to equal-

The home side were still catching their breath when centre half Tes Robinson grabbed his fourth goal of the season, heading home a corner from Jackson.

a corner from Jackson.

But Basford haven't got to where they are without being fighters and they came at Khalsa with renewed enthusiasm.

Ruben Wiggins-Thomas scorer as he powered home the equaliser from a Blair Anderson cross.

Hutchinson – a menace from the start – almost put Basford ahead on 80 minutes, holding off Roger and Robinson and lobbing onto the roof of the net. roof of the net.

But on 82 minutes, perhaps against the run of play, Bannister powered home a header to send the travelling Khalsa contingent into raptures.

### Pics suffer second loss on home turf

Rushall 1 Frickley 0 RUSHALL Olympic fell to their second home defeat of the season as they were beaten 1-0 by Frickley Athletic and were reduced to nine men late on.

They fell behind after nine min-

tes to a Jacob Hazel effort. The striker fired in at the near post from 18 yards.

Hazel crossed in for Luke Hinsley thazet crossed in for Luke Hinsley to head at goal, but Coleman easily held the weak effort and was off tar-get with another header soon after. Zeph Thomas had a good chance to double the visitors lead as Rushall

made a very slow start to the game but he could only turn the ball over from close range after good work down the left from Royale Johnson.

Substitute Malachi Farquhar-son had a great chance to level for Rushall but he could only fire over

rom ten yards.
Rushall's hopes of levelling were greatly hindered when Luke Benbow was shown a straight red and then Zac Martin was also dismissed.

### Back-to-back setbacks for Pelsall squad

Pelsall 1 Southam 3

Pelsali 1 Southam 3
PELSALL Villa slumped to the second defeat in two games with a 3-1
Midland League Division One reverse at home to Southam.

verse at home to Southam.
First-half goals from Lee Thomas and Ben Purser put the visitors in charge at half-time.
Pelsall started brightly with a Mitch Clarke shot just wide of the post and spencer Blackham heading over when better placed. Pelsall started the second half brightly and Witch Clarke wasted a charge with Mitch Clarke wasted a chance when The hosts were then hit by a third goal from Southam, Purser netting after Lewis Califand's shot had hit

Pelsall continued to press and grabbed a consolation when James Lewis headed in.

# Aiton claws back win for Walsall Three early

AFC Wulfrunians 2 Walsall Wood 3
WOOD went in two goals to the good at half time
but they again lost their way in the second half.
They conceded a penalty in the 75rd minute, then
lost skipper Harry Harris in the unseemly aftermath, then let in the equaliser in the 90th minute.
Only to score the winner in the third minute of
extra time, with a goal of the season contender from
Drew Aiton.

Drew Aiton.

After just four minutes Kyle Minto capitalised on a defensive slip wide on the right, racing into the box, rounding keeper Lee Evans at pace only to fire into the side netting.
From a quickly taken left wing throw JoeyBut-

the left of the box, giving keeper Liam Stanton no chance to keep out his scorching low drive to put Wood ahead.

On 28 minutes Drew Aiton made space wide left as he went through two tackles before firing in a low cross to find Griffiths in the centre of the box, he calmly flicked the ball to his right for Craig Deakin

Wulfs put Wood under pressure at the start of the second half winning a right wing corner; the ball flew around the box with Wood defenders charging

down three goal-bound efforts.

A neat 1-2 between Butlin and Aiton saw a clever

ball into the box by Butlin set up Griffiths to fire in a low drive that brought another full length save from Stanton.

Eight minutes later chaos ensueda penalty was given, after some lively debate and discussion skipper Jake Sedgemore scored from the spot.

Wood skipper Harris was sent off and 10 men seemed to have held out until on 90 minutes Ben Jevons cut inside from wide right, crossed low into the box for Hunt to gleefully tuck away the equaliser. Inside the more than three minutes of added time Butlin held the ball up wide right, his clever little pass collected by Aiton who turned inside and curled an exquisite low drive into the far corner.

# Blues too strong and a class above

CHELSEA proved too strong for a spirited Walsall side as they ran out 4-1 winners in the third round of the

Capital One Cup.
In front of 10,525 fans at the Banks's Stadium, goals from Ramires, Loic Remy. Kenedy and Pedro secured victory for Jose Mourinho's side.

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After falling two goals behind, James O'Connor gave Saddlers' fans hope when he pulled one back just before half-time.

But the Blues proved they were a class above and despite Walsall's best efforts ran out com-

fortable winners.

rorrapie winners.

Walsall were having to withstand a lot of heavy pressure and on 10 minutes the visitors broke the deadlock.

A pinpoint Kenedy cross was headed home at the back post by Ramires.

### Bending

Saddlers looked to respond immediately with

Lalkovic bending a free-kick from 25 yards wide of Asmir Begovic's post.

But it was Mourinho's side who were enjoying almost complete control and they came a whisker away from doubling their lead on 20 minutes.

Ramires sent Falcac galloping in on goal and the Colombian international lifted the ball over

Etheridge only to see his effort acrobatically cleared off the line by O'Connor.
Smith's side were looking most threatening whenever Lalkovic and Kieron Morris got on the

And it was creative schemer Lalkovic who almost pulled his side back on level terms when he tricked his way past Ivanovic before firing inches

tricked his way past Ivanovic before firing inches past the post.

Smith's side were now growing more and more into the game with a fine Jason Demetriou cross just too strong for Cook.

But as the clock ticked towards the 40-minute mark, Chelsea and Falcaco once again saw the ball cleared off the line.

The ex-Monaco man danced past Etheridge.

cleared off the line.

The ex-Monaco man danced past Etheridge but his shot was blocked under the crossbar by Paul Downing with Remy's follow up deflected over the bar.

Minutes later, though, and Remy was celerating as he made it 2-0. Ramires slipped in the Frenchman, who outpaced the Walsall backline and lashed the ball into the roof of the net.

But just before half-time the Banks's was rocking when O'Connor brought the home side



Romaine Sawyers and Ramires battle for the ball during the cup match up at Banks's Stadium

back into the game. Lalkovic's superb free-kick was pushed away by Begovic but O'Connor reacted quickest to force home the rebound.

Chelsea were playing their first game in the com-etition since they lifted the trophy at Wembley back

And their showed their desire to reclaim the silverware by restoring their two-goal lead seven minutes after the break.

Ruben Loftus-Cheek played in Kenedy and the Bra zilian made no mistake by driving the ball through Etheridge's legs

Following a break after the sprinklers came on, Remy flashed wide from 20-yards as the clock ticked past the hour mark.

But it was Chelsea's night and in three minutes of stoppage time, Pedro wrapped up the scoring with a smart low drive from the edge of the box.

# Penalty strike takes Wood out of game

Walsall Wood 0 Alvechurch 1

TWO years ago Ian Long arrived with his Tividale side and went home courtesy of a 3-1 victory.

This time he arrived with his Alvechurch team, not seemed for power to far the time.

not as much fire power up front as two years ago hence the winner from a fortuitous penalty but just as hard and uncompromising. Wood can have no complaints that he again went home with a victory. The visitors dominated from the start pinning

Wood back in their own half and should have gone wood back in their own half and should have gone ahead on 12 minutes. Leigh Downing going on a right wing run, crossing low into the centre for Josh March to hit a first time effort, keeper Lee Evans making a great block, the ball went straight to Karl Edwards whose shot was blocked by a posse of alert

defenders.
On 27 minutes a quickly taken free kick was played out wide left to Zack Foster, he made space for a cross and Edwards planted a header wide. 5 minutes later a lovely ball out left put March clear, he raced into the box but Tom Hurdman raced back

to make a superbly timed tackle.

Right on 45 minutes Joey Butlin found Drew Aiton wide left, he cut inside, cleverly made space and with Butlin screaming for the ball went outside

his marker and fired in a low cross shot that was saved at full-stretch by keeper Paul Evans

It was the same story at the start of the second half, Church quickly closing Wood down and giving them no opportunity to play any football whatso-

Another attack on 48 minutes saw the visitors win a left wing corner, the ball falling for man mountain Mark Smith whose acrobatic overhead kick was saved at full stretch by Wood's Evans.

### Deflecting

Seven minutes later March again raced clear wide right, his cross hit first time by Edwards, skipper Harry Harris deflecting the ball just over his own

From the corner the ball was collected on the right edge of the box by March who turned away from goal and went down under a seemingly innocuous challenge, the referee harshly awarding a penalty. Downing scoring from the spot, Evans diving the right way but unable to keep the ball out. On 65 minutes skipper Richard Huckfield picked up a harsh second yellow card and went for an early shower, but Long just brought on another partner for Smith and the twin towers were back in situ.

A minute later they nearly went two ahead, a long ball forward brought Evans racing from his area, Edwards reached the ball first, lobbed the advancing keeper but the ball rolled harmlessly well wide of the Wood goal.

A foul wide left on Lewis Taylor Boyce on 77 minutes saw the free kick by Harris delivered to the far post, the ball headed back into the centre for Bekir Halil, making his Wood debut, to hit a rising drive off the top of the bar.

Right on time Grant Beckett crossed from wide left; Aiton touched the ball back to Josh O'Garro to flash a first time low drive just wide of the right

hand post.

If that's how to play to win the league I'm sure not many people will leave their cosy armchairs in the coming months to watch it, I'm sure I wouldn't.

90 minutes of total boredom, an evening wasted I'm sure I could have found other things to do, plus it was cold as well.

# penalties set the mold for Bloxwich

Cannock 33 Bloxwich 12 CANNOCK welcomed local rivals Bloxwich to the Morgan Ground on Saturday afternoon looking to make it three for three in the

to linke it that the league.

The visitors gave away three early penalties which meant Cannock were able to build pressure.

Luke Jordan found Craig Richard with good recycling and

ards and with good recycling and quick hands through the back line saw Will Watkins cross over for the

first points.

Frustratingly Cannock who at no point in the game were pressured, failed to clear their lines and a clever up and under from their fly half saw the wing collect and dot down. A line out and catch and drive saw John Shirley barrel

over.
With not much space to work With not much space to work Watkins found and collected his second of the day.The Lions carried on in control. A line-out saw their skipper sent off for taking the man in the air.

From the resulting line out penalty another driving maul and Shirley drove over for his second. Bloxwich had a ten minute spell and cut the deficit after a decent

Bloxwich had a ten minute spell and cut the deficit after a decent set of phases. 26-12. Dave Lovell who had a fantastic game had evened up the numbers for a loose elbow.

for a loose elbow.

The Cannock pack were guilty of being greedy and squandered at least three golden opportunities for the backs by being a bit ball hungry. Gary Evans scored the last try of the day.

England Deaf 24

Cannock Lionesses 5
Cannock started the scoring going 5-0 up however, England edged out them out of the game.

### Prince side fails to find the target

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### Lockmen in impressive performance

Willenhall 2 Gornal 0
WILLENHALL produced an impressive performance to grab a 2-0
West Midlands Premier Division
success over Gornal and climb to
fourth in the table.

The visitors started well with Adam Callinwood curling an early

Adam Callinwood curling an early effort wide while ex-Lockman Chris Bladen fired high and wide.

The Reds came back into it in the last 15 minutes of the half with Mikey Clark planting a free-header wide from Eddie Wilson's Free-kick.

The Lockmen broke the deadlock on 72 minutes. Kieran Robinson delivered a free-kick to the far post and Paul Holden planted a firm header in the corner.

The game was sealed when Matt.

The game was sealed when Matt Dove fired home a penalty.

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### Wolves up for sale and Morgan gone

WOLVES chairman and owner Steve Morgan has put the club up for sale and left with immediate effect

left with immediate effect."

Morgan took over the club in 2007 and his bombshell departure – which came completely out of the blue for supporters – has left Wolves in limbo.

The majority of Wolves fans said they were pleased to see the back of the Liverpool-born property magnate.

Wolves said the decision was made 'after much thought' and insisted it was 'business as usual' at Molineux.

The sale raises serious questions about

The sale raises serious questions about

- the club's future, but:

   It comes amid rumours of an angry spat with supporters before Saturday's game at Preston
- game at Preston

   Boss Kenny Jackett is thought to have been at odds with Morgan over
- Senior members of staff have been left stunned by the sudden departure

  Morgan insists he will still invest in
- Wolves until a new owner is found
  Chief executive Jez Moxey will take over the day-to-day running of the club in the meantime

Passionate

Many fans are pleased with Morgan's departure.

But Charles Ross, editor of Wolves fanzine A Load of Bull, said the timing

was 'awful'.

He added: "This is a club clearly at a cross roads, if not in a crisis. The long-term future of the club has a huge question mark.

The timing of it, frankly, is awful. "The timing of it, frankly, is awru.

The team is having a crisis of confidence
on the pitch, and now they have got one
in the boardroom. It is not good, there
is no way it can be spun as business as

years!"

### Yet another late strike lets Darlo off the hook

### Darlaston 2 Bartestree 1

THIS was Darlaston's second visit to Bartestree in a matter of two months, and once again the Bentley-based club had to rely on a late winning goal to split the difference as they edged to a 2-1 win.

Darlaston were second best for most of the first half and didn't spring to life until after Max Powell had given the hosts the lead on 33 minutes, with both Mark Swann and Sam Hesson going close for the visitors in the West Midlands Division One clash.

A Sam Giles penalty brought Darlas-ton back into the game on the hour after John Reeves was judged to have been pushed to the ground, an offence which saw Bartestree's Dale Lewis sent off. The final half hour saw both teams

deadlocked in a tense, physical affair.

It wasn't until three minutes from time when, having watched Swann's header being cleared off the line, substitute Ian Watkins latched on to the loose ball and placed it past keeper Jon Hopkins and inside the far post to clinch the points for Darlaston.

# Tully makes a splash with Rio call



ALDRIDGE swimmer Tully Kearney is among those included in Great Britain's main performance squad for the final build-up to Rio 2016 Paralympics.

Having reclassified earlier this year from S10 to S9, Kearney went on to win four gold medals at the IPC Swimming World Championships in Glasgow in July.

The 18-year-old was previously on the 'podium potential' programme, but has now moved up to the main 'podium' group of athletes.

Tully Kearney has been called up for Great Britain

She joins the likes of fellow Aldridge pool star Ellie Simmonds. British Swimming announced

the latest 'podium' and 'podium potential' lists last week a total of 44 para-swimmers who will receive direct support from UK Sport through the World Class Performance Programme.

British para-swimming national performance director Chris Furber said: "This season is the big one for all of us and we have carefully considered our podium athletes for the Paralympic year.

"The athletes selected to the podium programme have all demonstrated they have the ability to be able to return medals in Rio."

### AS this game was coming to an end Walsall must have had hopes of gaining their first league win. A Nick Field try and a Jack Crowhurst touchline conversion made the score 26-27 with just seven minutes left. 20-27 with just seven minutes left. But two pieces of lost possession during those closing minutes resulted in the visitors going through to score two more converted tries anddeprive the hosts of any match points. Once again Walsall were forced to make changes to their team because of

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Walsall side

scuppered

by late tries

make changes to their team because of injuries.

Early Hereford pressure resulted in a scrambled score for prop forward Welch. Unfortunately for the hosts a spilled ball occurred when the referee's view was blocked. But they reduced the deficit soon afterwards as a Richard Clarke break resulted in Crowhurst putting over a 25 metre penalty kick.

Before the end of the first quarter Walsall took the lead after No.8 Jeffrey

Walsall took the lead after No.8 Jeffrey
Williamson went over. Crowhurst added
the conversion.
As the half was drawing to a close

As the half was drawing to a cross-Powell put over a penalty as his team made a rare visit into Walsall territory. The hosts hit back as a Mike Benson run resulted in another Crowhurst pen-alty to give his team a 13 – 8 interval

This was extended within two minutes

This was extended within two minutes of the second half with a penalty which Crowhurst converted.

Hereford were always keen to show their attacking intentionsand full back Thomas went over near the corner flag and eight minutes later he got his second. Powell added the conversion.

Hill and Harris went over for tries which Powell converted

# LOTTA SHOTS R ONE GO

Walsall 1Crewe 1

### THE pattern has well and truly been set.

Bury, Doncaster and now Crewe have all come to the Banks's Stadium in September with the exact same game plan. Sit back, soak up pressure and hope to nick a

goal on the counter

goal on the counter.

And by hook or by crook, that plan has worked on two of those three occasions.

As nice as it may have been, Walsall don't need Jose Mourinho to tell them they are technically better than the vast majority of teams in League One.

Performances so far this season have done that and convent the like of Deep Elitered and Steep

and ensured the likes of Dave Flitcroft and Steve Davis are all too aware of the threats the Saddlers

Make no mistake about it, Walsall were out-

This was as close to a complete performance as you will see with wave after wave of attacks.

But, once again, Dean Smith's men were forced to come away without the points they deserved.

### Mixture

A total of 21 attempts on goal and 14 corners were thwarted through a mixture of bad luck, poor finishing and outstanding goalkeeping. But this game was different to that 1-0 defeat to Bury on September 5.

to Bury on September 5.
On that day, you got the sense Flitcroft's side deserved something from the tie simply because they defended so well.
Yet Crewe, despite what Davis said in his postmatch interview, deserved nothing from this one.

Speaking after the game, Smith joked he felt there was a forcefield protecting their goal at

But it wasn't as if the Saddlers couldn't break

through.
Time and time again they got beyond the Railwaymen's backline.
But double saves from Ben Garratt, the cross-

But dothie saves from lear Garlatt, me cross-bar and sheer bad misfortune kept them at bay. Some fans will feel it's the same old story after last season's woes in front of goal. However, while performances have been im-pressive, you have to say Lady Luck has not been with Smith's side over the past fortnight.



Tom Bradshaw goes close in the final seconds of the match against Crewe at Banks's Stadium

The bizarre watergate scandal, which saw Jermaine Anderson sent off at Peterborough, some-how managed to earn Posh a point.

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While here on Saturday, the goal Smith's side conceded was as calamitous as it was unfortunate. After needlessly giving the ball away, Paul Downing then conceded a free-kick which allowed Crewe to pump the ball into the box.

It may have been only half cleared but when Ben Nugent collected the ball you wouldn't have expected the centre-back to register only his third ever career goal with a 20-yard piledriver.

The reality is that once Tom Bradshaw put the Saddlers ahead with his third-minute goal,

Walsall should have won by a bucket load. So surely it is only a matter of time before they post a scoreline similar to the 4-0 result they achieved

The attacking threat is there with the recalled Anthony Forde staking his claim with an out-standing performance against the Railwaymen. Substitute Kieron Morris also entered the fray

Substitute Arelon Morins and eithered the Hay to devastating effect and is making vast strides with each passing week, while in Romaine Sawyers and Bradshaw, the Saddlers have two players that are far too good for this level.

Smith's men undoubtedly should have scored was the second

more this season.

### **Walsall profits up on** back of Wembley run

WALSALL Football Club has revealed profits jumped by more than a third last season one of its most successful campaigns in recent years.

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As Saddlers fans poured through the turnstiles at the Banks's to watch the team's historic Wembley run in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, extra ticket sales boosted turnover at the club to £5.6 million, up £325,000 on the previous year's total.

That helped increase trading profits in the 12 worshe to Myr this year to

in the 12 months to May this year to £26,000, up from £19,000 the year be-

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